

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Eight Pages

Revised Community Directory

The Communications Committee plans to issue a revised, printed directory 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.

Delinquent Dues

—*By Dennis Carson*

As mentioned at the annual meeting, Owners' unpaid dues are excessive. Fortunately, we have very few Owners who are delinquent and our financial health is not impaired. While it is unfortunate that some Owners may be suffering economic distress, it is just not fair to other Owners to carry all the financial burdens of the Association.

The Association's general practice has been to refer the claim to legal counsel who will get a lien on the delinquent Owner's property. Although legal counsel will try to collect what is owed, we usually wait until the property is sold to recover unpaid dues. This approach takes far too long, and most often very little, if anything, is collected before or after the sale. This process has not been very productive. Also, although anecdotal, some in the real estate industry may be telling listing sellers to stop paying dues. I can only guess this advice is premised on the belief that there will not be enough money left over from the sale to pay the Association's lien, the Association will abandon its collection efforts, and the unpaid dues may never have to be paid.

The Association now believes it's time for a more aggressive approach to deal with some of our receivables. In addition to liens, the Association has authorized immediate action in AZ Small Claims Court to pursue a judgment against certain Owners. A judgment gives the Association an important tool earlier in the collection process. An Owner with a judgment on their record may take his/her financial obligations to the Association more seriously. We don't know how successful this will be, but we will try.

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

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet for their regular meeting on **Thursday, June 24**, at **6 p.m.**

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 1**, at **4 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 23**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 8**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, June 3**, at **12 noon.**

Social Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 9**, at **6 p.m..**

In Memory

Lorraine Chapel (80) passed away in her home on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, after a three-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was one of the original residents of Bellasera, relocating here in 1999 from Columbia, Missouri where she lived for many years. She had a very positive attitude, which helped her immensely in her effort to defeat the cancer. She was a regular early morning walker, walking almost every day year round. **Lorraine** was also very active in golf, winning many championships over the years. She loved gardening, swimming, and her University of Missouri Tiger football teams, with season tickets for decades. **Lorraine** had three children and six grandchildren. She was born in Nova Scotia, Canada and will be cremated and interred with her beloved husband, Jim, who preceded her many years ago. She will be missed and not forgotten.

May Weather In Bellasera

(May 1—May 26)

Highest temperature: **93**

Lowest temperature: **46**

No rainfall in May. Since January 1: **9.92** inches

Bellasera Community Activities

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics begins at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 11:00 a.m. on every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**. For further information, contact **Janet, 480-488-0259**.

Monday Night Yoga

Will be taking the month of June off.

Tennis

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for those who wish to play tennis and would like to reserve the court.

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.

Social Committee Activities

The Social Committee held a blockbuster planning meeting last month and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events. If you have not had the opportunity to attend an event in the past, we encourage you to attend one. The events are for you - singles, couples, families - and we especially try to create welcoming events which result in one that you are glad you attended.

Summer is upon us and many residents have plans out of town. Therefore, we offer a single evening event over these months.

Summer Jazz Night

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

Evening of casual dinner and music. Details to follow in July newsletter. Sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

June Luncheon

Thursday, June 17, noon

Heard Museum North at the Cafe. Summit Shopping Center by Safeway. Sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

This will be the last luncheon until September.

Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Clubhouse Lost & Found

There will be a table in the clubhouse, just outside the office, with any lost and found items, from Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Take a Hike

For that early morning latte, or an evening treat, at one of the many shops in the Summit Shopping Center, you may wish to consider 'hiking on over.'

Many trails in the immediate area of Bellasera have been cleared recently. One is the trail around the perimeter of Whisper Rock Estates. Just across Lone Mountain Road, it heads west, and then north along the east side of Scottsdale Road. The Summit is about a mile from Bellasera's Lone Mountain Gate.

There's also a wide concrete trail along the eastern edge of Terravita. It starts a couple hundred feet north of the northwest corner intersection of Scottsdale Road and Ashler Hills Drive. You may hike all the way to the Terravita Marketplace, corner of Scottsdale Road and Carefree Highway.

There are many other nice trails adjacent to our community. For additional information, contact **Keith Christian**, k1c@cts.com, 480-463-4745.

Best Decorator

We purchased our home in Bellasera in June 2009. At that time, I was given the contact information for a woman named **Alicia Guerrieri**, the founder of a company called Decoratours. Readers, this service saved my life! We live in Canada, and needed to furnish the home as quickly and painlessly as possible. By using Decoratours, I was able to accomplish that and so much more.

Alicia provides a service by first understanding what style you would like to decorate your home in, then sends you numerous websites to start choosing what types of furniture, accessories, etc. you would lean to when purchasing. This included outdoor furniture, linens, accessories, tableware, dishes, entertainment pieces, etc. It was invaluable to have someone "on the ground" in Scottsdale, who had relationships with countless stores, none of which I would have found on my own, who had the perfect furniture for us.

Alicia arrived at our home at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, and by Saturday, July 11 the entire house was furnished and decorated. **Alicia** even arranged for painters to come in and paint the entire interior of our home in one day.

Now **Alicia** is offering an additional service that is FREE to us in Bellasera! She has set up a website at www.iSearchDecor.com. If you are looking for a single lamp, furniture, or a full kitchen remodel, your house painted, carpet cleaned or a handyman, this is the site for you!

When you go to the site, enter the code BDJ420. You will then be given FREE ACCESS to the site, which will match your needs with local merchants that are really "hidden gems" which you may never have found on your own. Going onto the site also qualifies you to receive special savings and discounts if you use one of the merchants on the site.

So, Bellasera Residents - go to the site, type in the code, and find the solutions to those special needs, pieces of furniture, or installations you have been putting off because you didn't know where to start. You'll be glad you did when you realize how much time and money you have saved!

—Submitted by **Dona Perreau**

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.

June in the Garden



—By *Pauline Marx*

Our wonderful late May weather, with temperatures well below normal, has certainly not conditioned us for hot weather. Rest assured, as we enter June and approach the summer, garden topics related to warm weather like *heat stress and fertilization* will be important. And, if you've planted a *vegetable garden*, it's time for some advice on when to harvest your crop.

Heat Stress

June is always hot and usually dry. Consequently, you need to be sure that your watering system is working properly and that your plants are being watered sufficiently to avoid heat stress. Two items in your garden that are prone to heat stress are fruit trees and plants in containers.

Fruit Trees- Fruit trees suffer from heat stress easily if they are drought stressed. Symptoms include:

- Splitting fruit
- Yellowing leaves and
- Yellow or brown sunburn patches on both leaves and bark.

The best treatment is to maintain a steady, regular deep watering schedule and wait for the temperatures to calm. If the symptoms seem extreme or prolonged, or the plant is less than two years old, shade the tree and the bark, or both, for the summer.

Plants in containers- These plants should be watered daily, preferably early in the morning. Be sure the water flows out the bottom of the pot with each watering. You should also consider spraying the leaves which will increase humidity for the plant. On extremely hot days (over 110 degrees) spraying the plant in the evening will cool the plant and mitigate the heat stress.

Fertilization

It is best not to fertilize this month as the tender new growth may burn quickly in the heat of early summer. If you choose to fertilize, do so only once at half strength. Fertilizers, especially inorganic ones, are high in salts that can accumulate quickly in the dry, hot conditions of summer.

Vegetables

The fun of growing vegetables is eating them! However, it is sometimes difficult to tell when they are ready to eat. If you have planted vegetables in your garden, use some of the following tips to determine when your vegetables are ready to eat.

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

Corn- This seasonal treat is ready to eat when the tassel turns brown, milk comes out of the kernels when you gently cut them with a fingernail, and all the kernels are full size.

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

Oriental-type eggplants -These can be harvested anytime after they are 3 inches long as they keep longer on the plant without becoming bitter.

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—June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	2 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3	4 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	5
6	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	8 Modifications 3 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Social 6 p.m.	10	11 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12
13	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15 Poker, 7 p.m.	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Luncheon 12 noon	18 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19
20	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	22 Poker, 7 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Communica- tions 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Board Meeting 6 p.m.	25 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26
27 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	29 Poker, 7 p.m.	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.			

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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.

I would like to update my kitchen with new counter tops, back splash, etc. I would appreciate getting recommendations from others in Bellasera who have had similar work done. **Peg Nelson**, **651-324-5323**.

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, June 28**, with the next pickup the week of **August 2**.

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—
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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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