

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Community Directory

The Communications Committee's July 2010 updated community directory will be available this month.

Watch the bulletin boards and your e-mail *Inbox* for the notice indicating when/where it's available.

Roads, Pool Furniture, Lighting

—By *Dennis Carson*

The parking lot at the clubhouse, and the front and rear entry roads are looking pretty worn and need resealing. When the roads were last sealed a couple of years ago, our consultant reviewed these areas and advised us the surface was not suitable for accepting the seal. The previous seal was improperly applied, and applying a new seal on top of the defective seal would only cause more headaches later. We were advised to wait a couple of years until the old seal became more worn. Well, our consultant is coming out this week to review the condition of these areas, and I am hopeful the timing is now right and we will be able to apply a fresh seal very soon.

For those who frequent the pool, you may have noticed that the furniture cushion fabric is worn and sun bleached. New replacement cushions have been ordered. The contractor will provide one set of chair cushions and one set of lounge cushions to inspect before the final go-ahead, but we anticipate new cushions this summer. The frames will be cleaned. Painting the frames is not in the immediate plan, but that is always a possibility after we see how the cleaning goes.

Finally, I want to remind everyone about the duty to keep the front lights in working order, and the bulbs should comply with our Design Guidelines and the law. We are subject to Scottsdale's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance. Scottsdale's web site tells us the lighting source must be hidden from view and "the maximum capacity of the lighting fixture is 50 watts for incandescent and florescent lighting sources,..." Many residents have what appear to be 120 watt spot lights in the front lights, which are too bright. Brighter is not better. The idea here is not to flood the front of the house and driveway with light. One should not be able to see the bulb from the street. A better solution is a 60-watt equivalent compact fluorescent light bulb that uses only 13 watts but equivalent to a 60-watt incandescent spotlight, is well recessed within the fixture, consumes little power, and splashes light softly on the driveway.

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

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will have a special meeting on **Thursday, July 8**, and their regular meeting on **Thursday, July 22**. Both begin at **6 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, August 6**, at **2:30 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 28**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 13**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, July 8**, at **12 noon**.

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 13**, at **6 p.m.**

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 July 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.

Hands Only CPR

The Scottsdale Fire Department is offering 13 free Hands-Only CPR presentations during July. During these 90-minute presentations, individuals will learn to perform Hands-Only CPR and use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Hands-Only CPR is simple to do, safe, does not require mouth-to-mouth contact and can dramatically improve a person's chance of survival.

One near Bellasera is on **Saturday, July 24**, from **9 - 10:30 a.m.**, at Fire Station 615, 31802 N Pima Road, just north of Lone Mountain Road.

Advance registration is required, as space is limited. Presentations at the fire station locations are limited to individuals 10 years of age and older.

To sign up, visit www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/HandsOnlyCPR or call **480-312-8000**. Please note that CPR certification cards will not be issued at these presentations.

June Weather In Bellasera

(June 1—June 27)

Highest temperature: **104**

Lowest temperature: **59**

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

Social Committee Activities

Our Memorial Day BBQ was exceptionally well attended with 60 or so residents enjoying themselves. The water balloon toss resulted in a few contestants being 'busted' with a refreshing surge of water.

We honored our fellow residents in attendance who have served in the armed forces. Next year we will include a 'care package' collection to send to our active duty troops. Thank you to **Vicki Snyder** for chairing this successful event. If you find your photo on the clubhouse bulletin board, please take it home with you.

Next committee meeting is Tuesday, July 13, 6 p.m., at the clubhouse. Welcome new committee members -

Denise Attard, Marcia Lefkowitz, Myrna Levin, Carolyn Passero and Cindy Schubert.

These ladies along with **Cheryl Renaud, Jo An Seres, Marci Sheer and Vicki Snyder** enthusiastically volunteer their time and talents to hosting our memorable events. Our unsung heroes are our husbands who happily lend a hand with set up, clean up and wherever else they can help. Thank you **Don, Greg, Harold, Larry, Jerry, Paul R, and Paul S.**

Summer Jazz Night Under the Stars - Saturday, July 17, 7 p.m.



OK, so the warm temps getting you down? Join your neighbors with a cool, refreshing beverage and listen to jazz music on our grassy area. Be outrageous or simple with creating your picnic space (ground cover, umbrella, chairs, cocktail table, board and/or card games, etc.) We will have prizes for 3 outstanding spaces.

Rather than potluck, we are requesting \$5 per person reservations (paid at the event) that includes light appetizers, soft drinks and water and a special dessert bar. Alcoholic beverage, as always, is BYO.

We also invite you to support **ICAN's Pack-A-Backpack Drive** that will kick off this night and run through August. Please take a moment to read a young adult resident's request below. An **ICAN** donation box will be placed at our clubhouse.



ICAN is a grassroots organization providing free, out of school time programs that empower youth to become productive, responsible, and self confident citizens.

The work that **ICAN** does is never complete and we know that we cannot do it alone - it takes a community working together to create greater opportunities for our youth. Today, we are asking for your support to ensure that all youth are given the equal opportunity to excel.

ICAN reaches 8 out of 10 youths that are living in households that earn less than \$25,000 annually, of which 4 of those 8 are living in household that earn less than \$10,000 annually. Additionally, another 4 of these 10 youth will not graduate high school or achieve their GED; therefore it is imperative that **ICAN** provides the basic components to succeed academically.

During the next few weeks, our organization is asking that Bellasera community residents participate in creating academic success for these youth by donating school supplies for **ICAN's Pack-A-Backpack Drive**. The school supplies will make a lasting impression on our youth by giving them the adequate tools to achieve greatness throughout the new school year.

Thank you for your support! We truly are grateful for your interest and remain hopeful of your participation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Renaud

Community Engagement Manager

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 16 - Oktoberfest Potluck
- Saturday, January 1 - Annual New Year's Day Brunch
- Saturday, March 26 - Spring Fling
- Monday, May 29 - Annual Memorial Day BBQ

Resident Artist

Denise's art has been sold and resides in the private collections of art lovers and collectors all across the country and in the UK. **Denise** enjoys and has experience working in many different forms of artistic expression, some of which include sculpting, mixed media, graphic design, jewelry making, quilting, painting, drawing/sketching. It was in 2005 that **Denise** first began creating her own fantasy based, One of a Kind, doll art sculptures in clay. This art form has since become her main creative focus for the last several years. All of **Denise's** original art is created from her own original designs and imagination. She does not use any molds in creating her sculptures and doll art. From start to finish, **Denise** creates all of her One of a Kind art entirely by hand, and each One of a Kind art piece is a true artist's original that is never reproduced. **Denise** has a shop on-line hosted by Etsy. Visit her website at www.DLynneArtDolls.com to see her work and her passion for sculpting realistic and detailed babies. They are tiny enough to hold in the palm of your hand.

Denise, and her husband **Jay**, recently moved from New Jersey to Arizona and reside on Visao Drive. They have a daughter attending college at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Best Pool Service

Hope Kirsch and **Barry Kluger** recommend Desert Vista Pools for pool maintenance. The owner/ operator is **Travis Trehey** and he personally attends to your pool. **Travis** is an honest, reasonable, knowledgeable, professional, and has been taking care of our pool for years. Phone **480-559-4913**, or e-mail desertvistapools@gmail.com.

Best Massage

If you are looking for the best massage therapy in Scottsdale at a great price, I definitely recommend AZ Therapy Center. All of the massage therapists have demonstrated unique skill. I have found Kimo unbelievably professional and tuned into each individual's unique needs. The whole center is very welcoming and is individually owned. Peggy, the owner, welcomes each individual and does everything possible to make your experience the best ever. The location doesn't have the frills or appearance of some of the major spas, but it makes up for it in quality and the peacefulness, relaxation, and rejuvenation you will feel after your personalized treatment.

When I arrived in Scottsdale, I was most concerned about finding all of the resources to support my wellness routine. Massage therapy is definitely an integral component for me. As a director of a wellness center previously, I spent a great deal of time interviewing massage therapists and assessing their skill. I tend to be quite vigilant about finding those who reflect quality and professionalism while providing relaxation and healing, this has been no small task, I found those qualities and many more positive attributes at AZ Therapy Center. The Center also offers several other excellent therapies.

AZ Therapy Center

Phone: **602-482-3000**

Fax: **602-923-2444**

Email: info@aztherapycenter.com

Website: aztherapycenter.com

Location: 4921 E. Bell Rd., Suite 107, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

SE corner of 49th St. & Bell, in Bell & Tatum Professional Plaza. East of Home Depot.

—submitted by **Keli Ballinger**

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 **Keli Ballinger** will compile and research all submissions and provide the information in future issues of the Bellasera Neighborhood News.

July in the Garden



—By *Pauline Marx*

Pets and Gardens

Many of us here in Bellasera have cats and/or dogs and should be aware of the potential problems that our gardens pose to our best friends. The following plants (compiled by Phoenix Home and Garden- April 2007) are known to be toxic to our animals.

- Aloe (foliage)
- Castor Bean (all parts)
- Coral Bean (seeds)
- Day lily and other lilies (foliage /cats only)
- Lantana (foliage)
- Oleander (all parts)
- Sacred dutura (all parts)
- Sago palm (all parts)
- Texas mountain laurel (seeds)
- Tomato (foliage)
- Cocoa hull mulch (contains similar compounds as chocolate)

Fertilizers or pesticides which may be ingested (such as ant, roach or slug bait) should not be applied where animals walk as they may later lick their paws and swallow the residue.

Native Tree Maintenance

Summer is the ideal time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. If you do prune, follow these guidelines:

1. Do not remove more than one-quarter of a tree's branches in a year. Cutting off too much foliage "starves" the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize.
2. It is advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength and trunk girth.

Weeping sap may be worse if the tree is stressed for moisture, so be sure that your trees are appropriately watered.

Mildew

We are currently experiencing our normal dry heat. However, as we approach the monsoon season, humidity will increase and create perfect conditions for mildew to erupt. This is especially a problem with zinnia and sunflower. Preventative steps are:

- Water plants from below to prevent spreading the spores from the ground onto the leaves.
- Provide plenty of mulch to reduce water loss and prevent splashing.
- Remove infected leaves quickly and pick up those that fall around plants as they are full of spores.

Since Annuals have a short life span, they are rarely worth an aggressive spraying campaign. If they become too infested...pull them out.

Miscellaneous

Watch for *grasshoppers* or other chewing insects that may arrive in large numbers this year. If there are only a few, handpick these. Otherwise, apply products specifically formulated for large infestations.

Do not fertilize or prune your vegetable plants this month.

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—July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Brush & Bulk Collection Week				1	2 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3
4 Fourth of July	5 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	6 Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	7 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	8 Special Board Meeting 6 p.m.	9 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10
11	12 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	13 Modifications 3 p.m. Social 6 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	14 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	15	16 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Summer Jazz Night 7 p.m.
18	19 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	20 Poker, 7 p.m.	21 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	22 Board Meeting 6 p.m.	23 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24
25	26 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	27 Poker, 7 p.m.	28 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m.	29	30 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31

****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.

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**.

Your resident handyman is back at it again! When you have need of a qualified person to make repairs at reasonable prices just call **Grant Ingram**, **480-980-3889**. I'll be happy to provide many good references from fellow residents.

My husband Derrick has recently returned home and we are in need of additional assistance in helping him move from one place to another within our home. This does not involve heavy lifting, rather a second pair of eyes as I move him. If you are able to assist us, please contact **Del**, **480-391-9792**, delfoster@cox.net. Thank you!

The Art of Vacationing - "Experts in the art of creating the vacation of your dreams." Specialists in River Cruises, custom vacations, points/miles-based trips, and more. Call **Pam Keystone**, "Bellasera Resident" Owner and Vacation Planner, at **480-629-5559** to help plan your next vacation.

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—

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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