

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## 2010 Community Directory

The 2010 Bellasera Community Directory is now available. Pick up your copy in the clubhouse office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., or from the guardhouse, anytime, 24/7.

The new directory includes a Bellasera street map, and a description of the Board and committees that govern the community.

This year's directory was compiled and produced by the Bellasera Communications Committee. Special thanks to **Pat Manion**, committee member *emeritus*, for his contribution to this project.

The e-directory is published annually, with a printed version made available every two years.

## Welcome Terravita, Road Repair, Design Guidelines

—By *Dennis Carson*

Earlier this year Terravita allowed our residents to use their pool for a number of weeks while our pool was closed for construction. Well, it's time to reciprocate. Terravita's pool will be closed for repairs August 4 through August 6, and we are happy to make our pool available to them. Please go out of your way to make all our Terravita guests feel welcome.

The Association has signed a contract with PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE INFORMATION SOURCE to provide management services for seal coating some of our roads and the Clubhouse parking lot. The roads needing attention are Pontebella from Scottsdale to Corva Drive, Corva Drive, and 76th Street at the rear gate. PMIS will act as our project manager to inspect these areas, determine the work needed to seal these areas, develop the itemized scope of work list necessary to procure bids, and oversee the work on behalf of the Association. At this early stage we are targeting September for the work, but a lot depends on the time involved to get the bids and the weather. I'll provide updates when I get more detail.

Finally, the Modifications Committee adopted restated Design Guidelines on July 13, 2010. These incorporate into one document the various amendments made over the years, especially those required to bring our Guidelines into compliance with changes in Arizona law. The Guidelines are now available on the Association's web site, [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org). I encourage each of you to review the Guidelines to make sure you understand the rules that apply to any modifications or repairs you wish to make to your residence or Lot landscaping. A copy will be made available at the clubhouse office if you cannot access the Association's web site.

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**Dennis Carson**, [dmcarsen@q.com](mailto:dmcarsen@q.com), is President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet again in September.

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

**Building and Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, August 3**, at **4 p.m.**

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

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, August 10**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, August 5**, at **12 noon.**

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

## Community Activities

### Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics continues on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**, from **10 to 11 a.m.** If you care to join us, call **Janet, 480-488-0259**, for a DVD of underwater camera shots.

### Wednesday Night Yoga

(Monday Night Yoga moves to Wednesday) Experience the amazing benefits of Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life! Come to Wednesday night Yoga! It's from **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the clubhouse. August class dates - August 11 and August 18. Class fee \$10 - first class free. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com.**

### 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.

## Italian Group

Our Italian conversation group is still having fun on the first Monday of each month, from **7 to 8:30 p.m.** Call **Janet, 480-488-0259** for more information.

## July Weather In Bellasera

(July 1—July 27)

Highest temperature: **107**

Lowest temperature: **70**

Rainfall this month: **0.39** inch. Since January 1: **10.31** inches.

## Social Committee Activities

Thanks to all who supported the ICAN Backpack drive. Underserved students will very much appreciate helping them have the necessary school supplies.

Summer recess for the committee, lunches and meetings.

Next social event is **Saturday, October 16 - Oktoberfest**. We are planning an extra special activity and hope you can attend.

Next committee meeting - **Tuesday, September 14, 6 p.m.**

Monthly luncheons to resume in September.

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## Design Guidelines Update

The latest version of the Bellasera Design Guidelines, dated July 13, 2010, is available on our web site: **azbellasera.org** - click on "Governing Docs." The document is also available in the clubhouse office, and was sent on July 27 to all homeowners with an e-mail address on file.

Homeowners are reminded that anyone wishing to make any addition or modification to the exterior of their home, casita, garage, pool house or to modify the landscape or hardscape plan that was originally approved for their home in accordance with the Design Guidelines, **MUST** submit an application to the Modifications Committee, as required by the Design Guidelines and CC&Rs. A form for this purpose is included as Appendix A-1 to the Design Guidelines.

Any unauthorized modification may become subject to removal at the owner's expense. An unauthorized modification could be especially troublesome when a property is for sale if a lien exists for the removal of that modification.

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## Resident's Second Book Published

Bellasera resident **Sandy Fox** has just had her second book on surviving grief published, "Creating a New Normal...After the Death of a Child." This book will help the newly bereaved as well as the seasoned griever find their way through the darkness and into the light again to a life full of happiness and new meaning. In addition to helping bereaved parents, the book is also for family members, friends, therapists and anyone who wants to know how to act and react to those who have lost a child.

Over 80 articles on coping techniques and strategies in the book will also be of help to others who have lost a loved one. Ten inspirational stories, other book resources and a huge resource section complete the book. Contact **Sandy, sfoxaz@hotmail.com, 480-595-1503**, for any additional information.

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## Tuesday and Thursday "Good Morning" Yoga

BEGINNING YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

August class dates: August 10 and 12; August 17 and 19, August 31.

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.**

## August in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*



### Rabbits

Rabbits are permanent residents in Bellasera and I'm sure many of you have found that, if hungry enough, they will eat almost anything. In addition to poisonous plants, there are exceptions to their diet that you should have success in growing. The following are not on their menu: Salvia, Yellow Bells, Geranium, Trumpet Bush, Rosemary, Mexican Bird of Paradise, Desert Marigold, Penstemon, Vinca, Bougainvillea, Lavender (All types except Canary island lavender). Oleander would ordinarily be on the list since it is poisonous to people and animals. However, we are not supposed to grow it here in Bellasera.

**A word of caution:** Rabbits may nibble on any very young plant, so you may have to protect all plants in the early stages.

### Water Features/Swimming Pools

If you have a water feature or swimming pool, you have to think carefully about the plants you establish nearby. Ideally, you should select plants that offer a minimum of litter, few thorns or sharp points and don't require frequent watering (drainage can cause damage to water features). You should consider the following:

#### Plants/Bushes

- Mexican bird of paradise
- Fairy duster
- Bush morning glory
- Creosote bush
- Heavenly bamboo
- Arizona yellow bells
- Cape honeysuckle

#### Ground Covers

- Ice plant
- Gazania
- Trailing lantana
- Mexican primrose
- Verbena.

#### Trees

- Texas Ebon
- Acacia
- Ironwood

#### Flowers

- Canna
- Angelita daisy
- Bearded iris
- Penstemon
- Rain lily

**Cacti and succulents** may seem like prickly options around a pool. However, they are ideal if positioned far enough away from where people might bump into them. They thrive in bright sunlight, require little water, are practically litter free and look great year round. Some you might want to try:

- Century aloe
- Desert spoon
- Barrel cactus
- Hedgehog cactus
- Yucca
- Octopus agave

### Monsoon

Based on the meager amount of recent rainfall here in Bellasera, it's hard to believe that we are at the height of our monsoon. If monsoon rains are heavy, you will need to monitor your plants water needs and cut back on irrigation as non-native plants can suffer from iron chlorosis. This is recognized by new leaves turning yellow and having conspicuous green veins and can occur from over-watering combined with extra moisture from seasonal rains. Wet soils displace oxygen from the soil and roots need oxygen to absorb iron. High alkaline soils like we have here can also contribute to chlorosis. If symptoms appear and soil moisture is adequate, apply iron chelates or ferrous sulfate. The plant roots can readily absorb them.

### Fertilization

During August, plants will struggle to produce a flush of growth before slowing down for the cooler weather. Any growth before dormancy will store more energy during the winter that will be available to the plant when it pushes growth next spring. Fertilizing in late August or early September will help provide a boost.

**Hint:** If you add a tablespoon of charcoal to the bottom of a vase, it will prolong the life of the flowers and keep the water from turning cloudy.

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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—August 2010

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
<b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Italian Group 7 p.m.	Building & Grounds 4 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m.	
8	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Yoga 7 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12 Yoga 7 a.m.	13 Fitness 7 a.m.	14 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.
15	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Yoga 7 a.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19 Yoga 7 a.m.	20 Fitness 7 a.m.	21 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.
22	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker, 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26	27 Fitness 7 a.m.	28 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.
29 <b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Yoga 7 a.m.				

## **\*\*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](http://www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com). Call **Maria Dixon** for an appointment: **480-422-3168** (office) or **480-206-5237** (cellular). \*Get \$15 OFF First time customers\*

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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**.

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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**.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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, August 2**, with the next pickup the week of **August 30**.

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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Scottsdale AZ 85266-2701**

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Security/Front Gate: 480-488-3663**

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**[manager@azbellasera.org](mailto: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**

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