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NewPath and Quick Pass Security

—By *Dennis Carson*

In early July we mailed a letter to all residents giving notice that the Board passed a resolution approving the NewPath proposal to install two antennas in the community. The resolution was subject to nullification if at least 10% of the residents filed an objection. Since we have 360 Lot owners, the proposal would have failed if we received 36 or more objections. Only four residents filed an objection.

The next step is to enter into a lease with NewPath. The lease has been approved by legal counsel and should be finalized in a few days. The term of the lease is 10 years with two five-year renewals. The annual rent per antenna is \$3,183 with a 3% annual increase. NewPath will be authorized to enter the subdivision once the lease is signed and install the antenna. I anticipate construction will begin in about two to three weeks. More information about NewPath, the antenna, and the installation is available at:

<http://www.associatedasset.com/bellasera.php>

Phase One of the security upgrade project is nearly complete. Cameras have been installed at the front and back gates to record entries. A new community management system has also been implemented. The system is currently in use but operational adjustments will be made over the coming weeks as we gain experience and data from using the system.

A detailed letter will be mailed to all homeowners in the coming weeks explaining the Quick Pass system. The letter will provide instructions allowing each homeowner to establish an Internet account in the Quick Pass system. That account will permit residents to establish a list of authorized guests and temporary visitors, and to view data every time each guest enters through the gates. If you choose not to establish an account you can continue to contact the guardhouse as per current practice.

In the meantime, guards at the front gate are now required to gather certain information from all guests and residents who access the community via the guest lane. I am aware that a few residents choose to enter through the guest lane for whatever reason in lieu of using the resident lane. A few residents, and there are always a few, find the guard's information gathering procedures silly or inconvenient, and feel free to voice their displeasure to our guards. Please understand the guards are doing their job. We have no problem with residents electing to use the guest lane for ingress, but the guards will follow required procedures on each entry. So, if you elect to forgo purchasing a gate pass, or choose to use the guest lane for other reasons, you must be patient and cooperative with the guards for a few minutes while they record the required information, regardless of how many times you enter or how well the guards know you.

Obviously, an easy way to avoid the inconvenience is to purchase a gate pass, insure your gate pass is working properly, and enter through the resident lane. A refurbished gate pass can be purchased in the office for about \$10.

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

Rock Burglar Strikes Again

—By *Mary Gleason*

On Saturday evening, August 21, at 10:15 p.m., our home was invaded by the "Rock Burglars."

They threw a rock through our stationary sliding glass door. Fortunately, for us, we had installed a motion detector in the master bedroom after the burglaries last fall. Our alarm was activated and monitored by Bonds.

Bonds Alarm Company is always very prompt in responding to a triggered alarm and I believe the phone rang within a minute or two of the forced entry. That is what saved us from a major theft as I am sure it scared the burglars off.

Nevertheless, they still had time to go through a jewelry box, that I had on my dresser, with mostly memorabilia in it. They put it on our bed and proceeded to throw things that were in it on the bed. They also put the lights on in the master bathroom and opened the master closet door. They never really went through the closet as I think the phone rang before they had a chance.

It was obvious that they left in a hurry, as there was just as much glass outside as there was inside.

We live adjacent to Scottsdale Road and have a wash on 3 sides of our property. It is our feeling that these people are parking in the shopping center and coming thru the wash. Our side gate was locked so they had to jump the fence. We assume they had been watching our home and knew we were not here.

They are hitting mostly the perimeter houses as it is easy access for them, and provides a quick get away. Anyone who lives near the washes close to Scottsdale Road, Lone Mountain Road, or the wash between Brisa and the shopping center need to be extra cautious. However, if they continue to go free they will most likely get bolder and venture further into the community.

It would be my suggestion to install a motion detector in the master bedroom and be sure to have your alarm system monitored. Activate it every time you leave the house, even if it is only for 15 minutes.

Very Important: Ladies, do not keep your jewelry anywhere in your master bedroom suite. They are pulling out every drawer in the bedroom, bathroom and closet.

I have spoken to many people in the community since our burglary occurred, including some of the victims of last fall's break-ins. We are all in agreement that we need to have the alarm sound on the outside of the house also, like the fire alarm. This would be a huge factor in frightening off the thieves and also alert the neighbors that a burglary was in process. The thieves would then realize that Bellasera is no longer an easy target, and hopefully they will move-on. I know I would feel much more secure.

This is about the 7th break-in in 8 months. I feel it is time we take major steps to insure our security.

The police informed us that the majority of the burglaries in this area are occurring in Terravita and our community. Obviously the perpetrators are familiar with the Del Webb Homes.

The insurance estimator who came out to assess the damage told us that he goes on a minimum of 5-6 break-ins a week. He has seen where they will come through the master closet wall if they cannot break the glass on the slider or the windows.

In addition to the theft, we had major damage to our home. The hardwood floor in our bedroom has to be replaced; an antique cabinet has to be refinished; the pleated double cell honeycomb shade was torn and has to be replaced; two walls need to be repainted and of course the glass in the door has to be replaced. I must say that so far AAA, our insurance company, has been wonderful. We will see how we feel after all the work has been done.

Let's get together as a community to stop this violation of ourselves and our homes. We need to support one another and do everything in our power to make Bellasera a safe and secure community once again.

Jim & Mary Gleason reside at 7235 Brisa Drive in Bellasera.

Meeting Notices

Board of Director's meeting is on **Thursday, September 9**, and a Board study session on **Thursday, September 23**. Both meetings begin at **6:00 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Friday, September 10**, at **2:30 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 7**, at **4 p.m.**

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 14**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 9**, 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

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. September class dates - 1, 15 and 29. 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.

Hikers

Last year at this time, I chose to make the September hike on the Butcher Jones trail at Saguaro Lake. My thinking was that it would still be hot and the hike along the lake would be refreshing. Well, it was hot and the lake, although adding beautiful scenery, did not add much cooling effect. It was a hot hike. So, this year I am going to reduce my risk and schedule the September hike on the West Fork Trail along the West Fork of Oak Creek. We have done this trail in the past and it has always been a favorite. The trail travels along the creek in a deep narrow canyon. As a result the hike is mostly in the shade at any time of the day. This is an easy hike along the creek with a gentle climb. It does, however, make a number of creek crossings which add to the interest. The scenery in the canyon is wonderful. Round trip on the trail is about 6 miles.

Because it is a bit of a drive to Oak Creek, this will turn out to be a full day trip. You should plan to take a trail lunch which can be eaten with your feet cooling in the creek. Of course, don't forget water.

I have set **Wednesday, September 15**, as the date for the September hike. Please mark your calendars. I am not sure how many of the group will be back in town by mid-September, but I would hope a number of you can make the trip. If you have not been on this hike, you don't want to miss this opportunity.

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.

Social Committee Activities

The Social Committee is planning a most entertaining Oktoberfest for **Saturday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.** The details and sign-up sheet will be displayed following our next committee meeting, **Tuesday, September 14, 6 p.m.** We hope to see you there. Please mark your calendars!

Monthly luncheon renews with the outstanding Tonto Grill Restaurant in Cave Creek on **September 16, noon.** Sign-up sheet available at the clubhouse.

Friday Morning Yoga

Beginning yoga class. Join us on **Fridays** at **8:45 a.m.** starting **September 3** for an hour of easy stretching and yoga poses. You are invited to stay for Water Aerobics at 10:00 a.m. Both classes are free. Questions about Yoga? Call **Judith Zeiger, 480-575-7286.** For Water Aerobics, call **Janet Biondo, 480-488-0259.**

Tuesday and Thursday "Good Morning" Yoga

BEGINNING YOGA FOR EVERYONE! It's **7:00 – 8:00 a.m.** at the clubhouse. September class dates: **2, 7, 14, 16, 28, 30.** 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!** Class fee \$10 - first class free. Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426, youryogamarci@gmail.com.**

New Residents

A cordial welcome to the following recent new residents of Bellasera.
(names, street, move-in date provided by AAM, LLC, Bellasera's management company)

Eugene & Carolyn Hollander, Visao Drive, on May 28.

Marilyn Lillienfeld, Brisa Drive, on June 14.

Gerald & Lois Olsen, 74th Way, on June 27.

Rickey & Christine Williams, on June 28.

Glenna Salsbury, Visao Drive, on July 1.

Anita & Rod Glide, Visao Drive, on July 26.

Kentner & Julie Walker, Ponte Bella Drive, July 30.

August Weather In Bellasera

(August 1—August 29)

Highest temperature: **102**

Lowest temperature: **72**

Rainfall this month: **1.10** inches. Monsoon Season: **2.93** inches. Since January 1: **12.72** 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, 480-463-4745.**

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September in the Garden



—By *Pauline Marx*

Vegetable Planting

September is the start of our late summer/early fall vegetable planting season and, if you'd like to try your hand, consider one or more from the following list.

	<u>When to Plant</u>	<u>How</u>
Carrots	Sept. 20-Nov. 1	Seeds
Beets	Sept. 20-Dec. 15	Seeds
Green Onions	Sept. 15-Nov. 15	Seeds
Radishes	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	Seeds
Garlic	Oct. 1-Oct. 31	Cloves
Endive	Sept. 1-Nov. 15	Seeds
Lettuce (head)	Aug. 20-Sept. 20	Seeds
Lettuce (leaf)	Sept. 1-Nov. 15	Seeds
Cabbage	Sept. 20-Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
Cauliflower	Sept. 20-Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
Broccoli	Sept. 20-Oct. 10	Transplants or Seeds

The major keys to success are **site selection** and **soil preparation**.

Site Selection - This is the key to growing these non-native plants here in the Sonoran desert. The sun will be getting farther and farther south each day. A site on the North side of a wall with half-day light now will be in more shade later. Plants need at least six to eight hours of sun to perform properly.

Soil Preparation- The Fall growing season is relatively short and you don't have much time to play catch-up. If a plant becomes deficient in any nutrients, by the time they are added, you have lost so much time that the crop may not make it. Even a day or two of water stress and the two to four days of recovery mean a week of growing is lost.

To properly prepare your soil, follow these steps:

1. Add a large layer of some form of organic matter. The particular choice is not as important as getting at least two inches dug in. Choices for organic matter include compost, any well-aged manure, nitrogen-stabilized bark materials or peat moss.
2. To the layer of organic matter, spread 3 to 5 pounds of a dry sulfur product per every 1000 square feet of the garden. Regular soil sulfur or the Disper-Sul products are the best choices. These products react in our alkaline soil to form little pockets of acidity. Most of the plants above prefer a slightly acid soil. When roots of these plants grow into these pockets the nutrients held by the soil particles are more readily available.
3. Add fertilizer. Although many good vegetable or general-purpose fertilizers exist, it is critical to make sure phosphorous is in ample supply. Add the fertilizer with a high phosphorous number at the recommended rate stated on the bag. Phosphorous is essential in vegetable gardens. It is needed for vegetable crops and especially for juvenile root growth. Whether from seeds or transplants, young plants short of phosphorous exhibit retarded growth. After everything is spread out, then dig, rototill or incorporate it all uniformly, avoiding any pockets of any of the ingredients. Give it a light sprinkler watering, not more than one half inch of water. This gets the mix brewing and naturally settles the soil. After a few days the soil will dry and then you can smooth rake to final planting shape and plant your plants.

Finally, all that is needed for the next couple of months is water, a little more fertilizer (according to package directions), picking a few weeds and enjoying the fruits (or vegetables) of your labor!

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—September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Brush & Bulk Collection Week			1 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	2 Yoga 7 a.m.	3 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	4	
	5	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Labor Day	7 Yoga 7 a.m. Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	9 Board Meeting 6 p.m.	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m.	11
	12	13 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14 Yoga 7 a.m. Modifications 3 p.m. Social 6 p.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	15 Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	16 Yoga 7 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon	17 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	18
	19	20 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	21 Poker, 7 p.m.	22 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23 Board Study Session 6 p.m.	24 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	25
	26	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28 Yoga 7 a.m. Poker, 7 p.m.	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6 p.m.	30 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. Call **Maria Dixon** for an appointment: **480-422-3168** (office) or **480-206-5237** (cellular).

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.

We're on Visao Drive and are looking for a reputable landscaping company. If you've had a good long-term relationship with a landscaping firm, can you let us know? THANKS! **Pam and Jim Ragborg, 612-414-4040, pamleeds@charter.net**.

Do you ever want or need to go out of town but you don't know what to do about your pets? Problem solved... you can hire me! I will keep them on their schedule and spend the night at your house while you are away. No more worries about the kids! Call **Cheryl, 480-544-9273**.

Many years of experience as an educator with a prestigious national award of exceptional teacher I am excited for my next career: Medical Assistant. Graduated with Honors and certified (AAMA). **Maya, 480-292-8282, 5508happynow@gmail.com**. Any leads will be gratefully appreciated.

Home Share Available: Do you have a close friend or family member that needs a place but you don't have the space? I'm looking for 1 or 2 adult non-smokers without pets to share my very peaceful 3B,3B home on N. 74th Way with me. Available November 2010, Month-Month, \$850. Call **John** at **480-283-7014**.

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.

TRUNDLE BED - LIGHT WOOD EXCELLENT CONDITION, HARDLY USED GREAT FOR SPARE BEDROOM \$400 includes 2 mattresses, 2 night tables and lamps, bureau. Bottom mattress pops up. Call **Sheila** or **Mel Lavin, 480-473-0348**.

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.



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 30**, with the next pickup the week of **October 4**.

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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