

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Reminders, Steam Rooms, Road Repairs, Annual Meeting

—By *Dennis Carson*

DOG WASTE: We continue to have a problem in Bellasera with dog waste left on sidewalks and lots by some irresponsible residents walking their dogs. We often receive complaints on this subject and recently it was reported to us that some of our residents receive daily, unwanted "gifts" left behind by dogs and their thoughtless owners. One resident last week came into the office and described: "Every day I get out of bed, pull on my clothes and go outside and pick up dog poop from my property." EVERY DAY he does this!

Please be a responsible dog owner and respectful of your neighbors. If you are willing to own a dog, then it's your responsibility to clean up after it -- carry a bag, pick up its waste, take it home and dispose of it properly.

CELL PHONES: Please exercise courtesy as well as your body when using our workout room by speaking softly or stepping out of the room while talking on your cell phone. Your friends and fellow residents will appreciate the exercise of etiquette.

STEAM ROOMS: Two different companies have now inspected both the men's and women's steam rooms, and we are happy to report the ugly grout stains are NOT mold. Chemical deposits from our wonderful Arizona water have caused the stains. We are investigating our options on how to clean the grout to remove the stains, and better provide for moisture control. Please keep the doors to the steam rooms open when not in use. Also, please do not leave the steam rooms unattended.

ROAD REPAIRS: Our road consultant has advised us that there is still one more patch on E. Visao Dr., just inside the back gate, that needs repair. The asphalt has broken and must be removed and replaced. The patch is rather large, so this may require closing one or both of the back gates for an additional day. I will send out an e-mail with more information as soon as it is available.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: The Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on April 17, 2011 at Bellasera Clubhouse. An Organizational meeting of the Board will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting. There are two Directors' seats with two-year terms open for election. Applications will be mailed to Owners on or before February 16, 2011. Applications will also be available at the Clubhouse office or online at **azbellasera.org**. Completed applications must be received on or before 12:30 p.m. on March 3, 2011, with time of the essence. More specific information about how and where an application must be submitted will be on the application.

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

This Year...Volunteer!

Consider making 2011 the year you contribute more than your quarterly dues payment to the Bellasera community.

There are several committees that could use your talents. All would welcome new faces and perspectives around the table at their monthly meetings.

Committee descriptions appear below, along with a point-of-contact for each.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

This Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on budgeting and financial policy, and the investment of Association funds. It reviews monthly and annual financial reports, and recommends to the Board of Directors the selection of auditors. The committee prepares the annual budget for Board of Directors review and approval. Contact **Clayton Loiseau**, clsloiseau@cox.net.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This Committee maintains familiarity with the general physical condition of the Common Areas, including the Community Center, entry areas, streets, sidewalks, landscape medians, fences, and cul-de-sacs. It reviews (annually) Requests for Proposal for buildings and grounds related contract services, such as landscape maintenance, clubhouse maintenance, pool service, etc. Contact **Trish Benninger-Dixon**, pbenninger@aol.com.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This Committee discusses and makes recommendations in regard to any aspect of community communications matters. The Committee plans and conducts an effective communications program to improve communication among members, committees, community management, and the Board of Directors. It's responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter, maintaining a web site for the Association, posting notices on community bulletin boards, and publishing an annual membership directory. Contact **Keith Christian**, klc@cts.com.

MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee is the architectural and design review control for Bellasera. The Modifications Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over modifications, additions, and alterations made to lots, structures and landscaping on lots to insure compliance with the Design Guidelines. Contact **Jim Gleason**, jmeassoc@aol.com.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This Committee initiates, plans, and conducts social functions and other Association-wide activities as approved by the Board of Directors. It attempts to provide a wide spectrum of activities to involve as many members as possible. Contact **Suzanne Guyan**, guyan1@msn.com.

All committee members are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, January 13**, and a regular meeting on **Thursday, January 27**. Both begin at **2 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 20**, at **1:30 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 26**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 11**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, January 6**, at **12 noon.**

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 18**, at **6 p.m.**

Neighborhood Development Saga Continues

—*By Joe McDade*

We have previously reported to you about the proposed commercial development at the northwestern corner of Pima and Dynamite which would include a general store, gas station, hardware store with feed and tack, a garden center, restaurant and bank.

On December 27, 2010, the Scottsdale City Council held a hearing on the matter and, after more than three hours of public comment and debate, it was clear the council was headed for a 5-2 vote to reject the text amendment, with only Vice Mayor **Suzanne Klapp** and Councilwoman **Lisa Borowsky** favoring approval. Seconds before it was going to be formally voted down by the City Council, the applicant abruptly withdrew the proposal creating confusion and a small amount of disorder. After order was quickly restored, the council elected not to vote on the matter and concluded that the applicant could not reapply for another year.

The council majority felt strongly the proposal should have remained a major General Plan amendment and the text amendment was a way to get around what is the proper process for a case like this. This is exactly the point the opponents to this project have been emphasizing.

If the project resurfaces in the future, we will keep you informed.

Joe McDade is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee

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, January 3**, with the next pickup the week of **February 7**.

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**.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics continues on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**, now from **11 a.m. to 12 noon**. Water is heated to 82 degrees. If you care to join us, call **Janet, 480-488-0259**, for a DVD of underwater camera shots.

Beginners Yoga

Judith Zeiger is teaching a Beginners Yoga class each **Monday** from **9:45 a.m.** until **10:45 a.m.** in the clubhouse. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith, 480-575-7286, jzeiger@cox.net**. Come to yoga and then join the Water Aerobics group right after yoga.

Brown Bag Book Club

We will meet on **Thursday, January 20, 12 noon**, at the clubhouse to discuss "The Candy Bombers." We will have an interesting discussion so feel free to join in. Contact **kkmoore@sbcglobal.net**.

Italian Conversation Group

Meets on **Monday, January 10, 7 p.m.**, at the home of **Janet Biondo**, for anyone interested in practicing or improving their Italian. For additional information contact **Janet, 480-488-0259**.

Hikers

The December hike along the Overton Trail in the Cave Creek Regional Park was short, but made for an enjoyable break in all the December activities (Parties!). We had a nice group of hikers who enjoyed wonderful weather and a pleasant lunch following the hike. We also welcomed new residents, **Caryn and Gene Hollander**, to the group.

For January, we will hike the Quartz Trail to the Taliesin Overlook in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This trail is about 5.2 miles round trip with a gentle elevation gain. The group last hiked this trail under **Vivian Kurtz's** leadership, so it has been a while. Plan on a trail snack at the Overlook and, if the group agrees, we can have a lunch after the hike. (Last time we ate at a small pizza shop near the trailhead).

I am scheduling the hike for **Wednesday, January 19**. I hope this works for you.

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, **dgbobb@cox.net**, to let me know if you can join us.

Don Bowman, **480-948-9814**

December Weather In Bellasera

(December 1—December 29)

Highest temperature: **71**

Lowest temperature: **41**

Rainfall this month: **3.12 inches**

Since January 1: **17.69 inches**.

2010 was the wettest year this century!

Social Committee Activities

Canned Food Drive Big Success

Thank you to everyone who donated food items for Bellasera's Thanksgiving food drive for the Foothill's Food Bank. The donations were really appreciated. Together we collected 658 pounds of food. Thank you for your amazing generosity!

—Bellasera Social Committee

Bellasera Angels

Thank you to all our Bellasera Angels! The Bellasera social committee wishes to thank everyone who donated items and time towards the 2010 Adopt a Family project. Through your generosity we brightened the holidays for two needy families! One is pictured below.



January luncheon - Wednesday, January 19, noon

Sign-up sheet for Venue Cafe on Easy Street in Carefree.

Canyon De Chelly Trip

We are pleased to offer an incredible 3 day trip to Canyon De Chelly, Monument Valley, Arizona. See the flyer on the following page (6) for all the details. Reserve your seat with the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse by March 5, 2011. You are welcome to invite your non-Bellasera resident friends to join you. Please indicate the total number of reservations on the sign-up sheet along side your name. The tour guests will include residents of the Scottsdale Racquet Club to ensure we have an adequate number of reservations. A minimum of 20 total reservations are required. No payment is necessary until the day of the trip. We will confirm your reservation as soon as we have secured the necessary 20 reservations.

Upcoming Social Event - March Spring Fling

Please mark your calendars for March 26, 6 p.m., for spring dinner event. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Committee meeting - Tuesday, January 18, 6 p.m.

BEST GROUP TOURS ARIZONA



CANYON DE CHELLY

MARCH 21, 22, 23rd

2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS

BREATHTAKING ARIZONA SCENERY AND FASCINATING CLIFF DWELLINGS

DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE, ARTIFACTS AND ROCK IMAGERY ARE ALL REMARKABLY PRESERVED, PROVIDING A PEEK INTO THE LIVES OF THE CANYON'S EARLIEST INHABITANTS

FULLY ESCORTED TOUR

2 NIGHTS BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION, HOLIDAY INN CANYON DE CHELLY & GOULDINGS LODGE AT MONUMENT VALLEY

SIGHTSEEING THRU PETRIFIED FOREST, HUBBELL TRADING POST, CANYON DE CHELLY, MONUMENT VALLEY

LUNCH AT HISTORIC LA POSADA HOTEL, WINSLOW (Not Included)

Fully Inclusive Price:- \$229 per person (Double Occupancy) \$329 (Single) Includes Roundtrip Motor Coach transportation, 2 Nights Accommodation with Breakfast, Tour Guide, Driver Gratuities (30 minimum group number)

Welcome New Residents

Six more new residents have been added to the list of new Bellasera residents in 2010 published in the December newsletter.

Total for the year: 38. Welcome to each of you!

Names, street of residence, and move-in date are listed below.

James & Lori Farmer, Visao Drive, on November 10

Richard & Linda Stevens, Corva Drive, on November 17

Thomas & Cynthia Goodwin, Pasaro Drive, on November 22

(Data provided by AAM, LLC — Bellasera's management company)

Christmas Tree Roundup

Scottsdale's city-wide Christmas Tree Roundup takes place the week of January 10-14.

Please have your Christmas tree curbside by 5 a.m. on the morning of Monday, January 10.

Remove stands, lights and ornaments. Artificial trees will not be collected.

If you miss the tree roundup, you can drop off your tree between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, January 15, at Scottsdale Ranch Park, 10400 E. Via Linda, or Eldorado Park, 2311 N. Miller Road.

All trees collected will be turned into compost or mulch. For more information, call **480-312-5600**.



—By *Pauline Marx*

January in the Garden

Shrubs

As we celebrate New Years, January is a good month to take a critical look at your garden, especially the utilization of shrubs. If you are new to our beautiful community or are planning a new area in your garden, think about the shrubs that you have or might want to plant. Shrubs are normally permanent parts of a garden and, except for trees, are the largest plants that you will invest in. Like trees, they set the tone and style in the space in which they are planted. To help you decide which shrubs to choose, the following questions should be considered.

1. Do you want the shrubs to hide anything?

If yes, be sure that they are large enough to screen whatever it is that needs to be hidden. Make an attempt to visualize the plant at its mature height.

2. Do you want it to bloom at a particular time of year?

Many shrubs are wonderful flowering plants as their blooms become the highlights of a garden. If a shrub is especially colorful, consider planting it where it will be seen, either up close or as part of a view. Have a large shrub rise up over a large boulder, wall, bench or other substructure so that it appears to peek and invite you to go see it.

3. Do you want to use shrubs to define space in the garden?

One of the ways to make a small space look larger is to create visual barriers that prevent you from seeing it all at once. These are sometimes called garden rooms. Other, simpler applications could be just a matter of making you walk around a shrub to get to the side yard or putting a dense layer of shrubs behind the patio so that you have to walk around them to see what is behind them.

4. Are the choices you made compatible with all the rest of your garden or your area?

Give some thought to the exterior of your home and the style of your yard and garden. Nothing looks more ridiculous than immense towering shrubs over a small house and yard or tiny neat shrubs lining the driveway of a naturalistic yard. Finally, choose plants that are adaptable to our desert environment. Ensure that they do not do not require excessive amounts of water when they mature and have sufficient heat and cold tolerance for our area.

January Reminders

- " Do not fertilize this month.
- " Do not prune this month
- " Pay attention to frost warnings

Happy New Year!

Bellasera resident **Pauline Marx** is an Arizona Master Gardener.

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at **602-827-8200**)



**Bellasera Residents and Guests are
Invited to Preview the Hot New Travel Trend**

EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING

Place: Bellasera Clubhouse

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011

Time: 4:30-6:00pm

JOIN US TO TASTE WINES OF THE REGION

**Presented by AMAWATERWAYS and
Pam Keystone (Bellasera Resident)**

RSVP: (480) 629-5559 or

Pam@TheArtofVacationing.com

SPACE IS LIMITED. RSVP EARLY.

Community Calendar—January 2011

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1/8
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Christmas Tree Roundup Week	Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Italian Group 7 p.m.	Modifications 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Board Study Session 2 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Social 6 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon	Book Club 12 noon Budget & Finance 1:30 p.m. Cruising Mtg. 4:30 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Board Meeting 2 p.m.	Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	
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****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).

3 Ivory Hunter Douglas Silhouette Window Shades in excellent condition. Two measure 59 1/8" W X 72" L – the other is 59 1/2" W X 72"L. Fit in the Living and Dining Room windows of the Bellasera Sapphira Model. \$1800.00 New. Asking \$500.00 or best offer. Can view the shades at this link:

<http://www.hunterdouglas.com/our-products-detail.jsp?id=1> Call **Chris, 612-396-3865**.

I am on the search for an outside propane heater. If you are not using yours, I would love to take it off your hands and get it out of your backyard! Does anyone have one they would like to get rid of for a fair price? I can pick it up ASAP! Please call me, **Cheryl, 480-544-9273**.

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.

Casio electronic keyboard and stand. 61 key, 120 rhythms 100 programmed tunes including holiday songs. Like new. \$100. **Emily Shriver, 480-595-5728**.

FINALLY, while you are away on business, vacations or unexpected emergencies there is no need to worry about your pets. Why have the worry of finding a friend, family member or neighbor to care for your pet when you travel? You can travel with a feeling of security knowing that your pets are cared for by a trustworthy and compassionate pet sitter. Overnights are available!

*There is NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR MULTIPLE PETS. I don't believe in charging you extra just because you may have 2 dogs/ cats instead of 1. The more the merrier! *There is NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR HOUSE/ PLANT CARE. I am only too happy to get your mail or water plants. Just ask! "YOU GO ...I STAY" Pet Sitting is only offered to Bellasera residents. Just 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.

Rides to the airport for \$40 one-way, \$75 roundtrip. Contact Bellasera resident **Todd, 480-246-4013, arizonacourier10@gmail.com**.

To delight your "Epicurean Palette," Cordon Bleu trained, **BJ Wernimont** has the answer to your Holiday Entertaining needs. From casual gatherings, sophisticated dining, brunches, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, to an array of delectable Holiday sweets. You will enjoy a culinary presentation that you nor your guests will soon forget! For information and availability, inquire at **480-433-5145**.

JANUARY 20th - European River Cruising Preview - Join **Pam Keystone** (Bellasera Resident) and discover new travel ideas while sipping on wines from the region. See full-page bulletin in this newsletter. We specialize in River Cruises, custom vacations, points/miles-based trips, and more. Call **480-629-5559** for help planning your next vacation.

Got something to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.? Do business within Bellasera. 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.

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—Office Hours—
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Contact AAM, LLC: 602- 906-4940
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