

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Gate Changes on March 1

Keypad entry at the Scottsdale Road gate will begin on Tuesday, March 1, from 1:00 to 5:00 a.m. each day. No guard will be on duty during these hours.

See the letter that was sent to all homeowners in early February, or call the Community Manager's Office for clarification or additional information.

Annual Meeting, Community Wide Standards

—By *Dennis Carson*

The Annual Meeting for members is scheduled for **2:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, April 17**. We will send the official 30-day notice out in the mail for you to receive around March 11 or 12. This mailing will include the ballot and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I hope you can attend the meeting and bring your ballot with you. But, if you cannot be there, then it is very important to return your ballot by mail using the self-addressed stamped envelope. The meeting is official only if we receive enough ballots to establish a quorum. It would be a shame if all the time, effort and expense of scheduling the meeting is wasted if we do not have enough ballots returned for a quorum,

A few years ago the Association addressed the need for residents to look at the condition of the paint on their homes and walls, and repaint if necessary. The cooperation of residents was outstanding.

We now recognize the need to address the quality of residential landscape maintenance. This is an issue that has been somewhat neglected in the past. The CC&Rs refer to a Community Wide Standard but they were not officially formulated. Therefore, the Board recently adopted standards and mailed them to each resident earlier this month.

Most of the homes and landscaping in the community look terrific. However, there are a number of residential landscapes that lack sufficient granite coverage. And other yards have weeds and dead plants that need to be removed, or they lack of the required number of trees, or have unsightly exposed irrigation lines.

Since most of our residents are here for the winter, now is the perfect time to inspect your yard, get it into shape, and make sure it's compliant with the Community Wide Standards. This past winter has been harsh on a lot of plants, so it may be prudent to consult with a landscaper on just when and how to deal with them.

The Board has delayed policing this issue, but we will start inspections later in the spring. Obviously, your cooperation is appreciated so that we don't have to send one of those unpleasant letters that we all dread receiving.

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

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, March 24** at **2 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 22**, at **1:30 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 8**, at **3 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 16**, at **8:30 a.m.**

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

Social Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

Family Medical Leave Amendment

Bellasera residents, please add your name to the following web site:

<http://www.petition2congress.com/3937/modify-family-medical-leave-act-1993/>

It's a proposed amendment to the Family Medical Leave Act for grieving parents to provide time off for them when they need it most. Bellasera resident **Barry** is the **Kluger** in the proposed Farley-Kluger amendment. He lost his daughter **Erica** 10 years ago here in Scottsdale.

Thank you for your support.

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, March 7**, with the next pickup the week of **April 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**.

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 Mondays **March 21** and **28** from **9:45 a.m.** until **10:45 a.m.** in the clubhouse. There will be no class on March 7 or 14. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith, 480-575-7286, jzeiger@cox.net**. Bring a mat if you have one. Come to yoga and then join the Water Aerobics group right after yoga.

Pilates

Pilates is a gentle but extremely effective method of reaching over-all core strength, balance and muscle tone with noticeable results. You will lose weight while converting body fat into lean, long, toned muscles; and improve your overall well-being and appearance. **Dona Perreault** is the instructor and you may reach her at **480-392-6566 or dperreault@telus.net**. Classes are held **Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.** All classes are held in the Activity room at the clubhouse.

Luncheon

Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m., at the LOCAL BISTRO, Fry's Center at Thompson Peak/Hayden Rd., 20581 N Hayden Rd. Sign-up sheets are at the clubhouse.

Brown Bag Book Club

What a great meeting we had last month discussing different biographies. This month we will be re-reading the classic, "Huckleberry Finn" by **Mark Twain**. Our April selection is "Major Pettigrews Last Stand" by **Helen Simpson**. In May we will be reading "Last Night in Twisted River" by **John Irving**. We will start the Fall season off with "Life and Death in Shanghai" by **Nien Chang**. We all look forward to some great reads, bring your lunch and join us in the clubhouse on **March 16 at noon. kkmoores@sbcglobal.net**.

Hikers

The February hike was delayed due to unfavorable weather in Sedona, and was rescheduled for Friday, February 25.

For March, we will travel to the White Tank Mountains in the West Valley. I have had several requests to hike in this area and am looking forward to a new trail. The hike will be on the Mesquite Trail and will be an 'out and back' hike for about 5 miles round trip. I am told that the hike will involve about 1000 feet of elevation gain. With the hike scheduled for late March, I am hoping that we will enjoy a great display of spring wildflowers. **Rodger Wilson**, a fellow volunteer at Pinnacle Peak Park, now lives in the West Valley and hikes this area a lot. **Rodger** has agreed to lead the way for our hike. Since I am not familiar with these trails, I really appreciate Rodger's assistance.

The hike is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 30**. We will plan on a trail lunch at the turnaround point. Warmer weather is coming, so bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 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**.

February Weather In Bellasera

(February 1—February 27)

Highest temperature: **71**

Lowest temperature: **19**

Rainfall this month: **1.43**

Since January 1: **0.80**

March Personality Profile — Keven Peterson

—By *Keith Christian*

A recent visitor to Bellasera, after a brief encounter with an exuberant young man at our Scottsdale Road gate entrance, told me, "I'll have what he's having..." Remember the memorable line from the '89 movie "When Harry Met Sally..." That man, of course, is **Keven Peterson**.

Keven has been Bellasera's weekday daytime guard for almost 12 years. He started with Wells Fargo, then Burns, then Pinkerton, and now Securitas for the past 6-7 years.

Keven received the Securitas Supervisor of the Month Award in May 2006 from **John Larson** for his superior performance to the residents of the Bellasera Community. **John** said **Keven** is well known throughout Phoenix and as far away as Hawaii and Illinois for his positive attitude and his superb customer service to everyone who enters Bellasera. He has a positive impact on everyone whom he comes in contact with.

He grew up in Anoka, Minnesota, attended Elk River Senior High. Later he served in United States Air Force, working with the Security Police while stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Minot AFB North Dakota, and Kunsan AB, South Korea.

Keven's parents are **David** and **Carol**; he's been married to wife **Stacy** for 15 years. They have no children, but the family includes Duke, a black/tan miniature pinscher. They also have a 12 year old niece living with them.

Keven holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Western International University, awarded in September 2010. In his time away from work he likes to oil paint, rollerblade, and attend hockey games.

I asked **Keven** how he always manages to appear so happy, upbeat, and helpful. He told me he attributes it to three things: "First is my parents and grandparents upbringing, second is I try to treat everyone like family, and third is faith in God."

Keith Christian, editor@azbellasera.org, is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee.

Clubhouse Renovations

—By *Susan Loiselle*

You have probably noticed that we have recently redecorated our clubhouse.

With the help of an interior decorator, we chose a color palette and came up with what we thought would be a practical, up-to-date look for our outdated clubhouse. Board members and management staff then set out seeking contractors, furniture, window coverings and carpet and worked to obtain the best deals on all components of the job.

We tried to make some practical decisions. The new sofa has six legs so it will not collapse as did the old one. We have installed solar shades and planted trees outside the activity room windows to help with our air conditioning costs. Our new carpet tiles can be replaced individually in case of damage.

The project is not quite complete. We are awaiting delivery of new artwork for the activity room and a new, more functional table for the exercise room.

Thanks to the Pilates and Yoga classes and all of the residents who were patient with us while the work was being done. A special thanks to our multi-talented Administrative Assistant, **Sharon Foxworth**, who, when forced out of her office during the project, installed 100 new brushed nickel cabinet pulls in the kitchen and sitting room.

(**Susan Loiselle** is Vice President of the Bellasera Board of Directors.)



March in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*

Frost Damage

Last month we discussed our recent freezing weather and the damage it did to our gardens. I recently noticed frost damage to many plants that had even been covered. As I previously mentioned, it is best to leave damaged plants alone until all danger of frost is gone. This normally occurs by the middle of March but, to be sure, wait until the end of March before pruning. Hopefully, green leaves will have begun to emerge.

Plant Replacement

In the event that you need to replace any of your plants, I thought it would be a good time to review the list of prohibited plant material. Remember, the prohibited list (below) is much shorter than the allowed list and these plants are NOT ACCEPTABLE due to one or more of the following:

1. Aesthetics.
2. Mature height or growth habit.
3. Excessive pollen production.
4. Potential to dominate the desert plant community.

These guidelines are part of our Bellasera Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions manual (CC&Rs) given to all residents. If you do not have this information contact the Community Manager for a copy.

Prohibited Plants

1. Any species of tree or shrub whose mature height may be visible above patio walls or from surrounding property unless it is on the Approved Plant List, or has been previously approved by the Modifications Committee.
2. Palms (Palmae) species not listed on Approved Plant List are prohibited under any circumstance.
3. All pines (Pinus), Cypress (Cupressus) False Cypress (Chamaecyparis), Juniper or Cedar (Juniperus).
4. Olive trees (Olea europaea).
5. Oleanders (Nerium Oleander) and Thevetia species.
6. Fountain grass (Pennisetum setaceous)
7. All varieties of citrus with the following exception: True dwarf varieties that will not exceed a mature height of 6 feet may be used if completely screened from view of any other residence, open space, wash or any other adjacent land use behind solid opaque walls.
8. Common Bermuda grass (Cynodon dactylon) in seed or sod form. Hybrid Bermuda varieties are acceptable within residential yards.
9. Mexican Palo-Verde (Parkinsonia aculeate).
10. Desert Broom (Baccharis sarothroides) NOTE: We had a proliferation of desert broom seeds floating around last year. Keep an eye out for plants and pull them out as soon as you notice them.

Fruit Trees

Keep an eye on your fruit trees and, when buds begin to swell, it is time to apply a nitrogen based fertilizer. Apply according to package directions and spread a fresh layer of organic mulch around the drip line of your trees. As the mulch decomposes nutrients are added to the soil.

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**.

Community Calendar—March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
		Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.		Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
6 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	7 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	8 Modifications 3 p.m. Building & Grounds 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	9 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	10	11 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	12 Pilates 9:30 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).

Wanted: Ladies left-handed golf clubs. I'm ready to update my starter set. Call **Myrna, 781-710-8503**.

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.

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**.

If you have replaced (or are considering replacing) your front door handle set (double doors), we have need of a set as ours is damaged. We are looking for the square-ish design, but, would be interested in any original double door set. **303-882-2688**.

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

5 Pc. Sectional w/2 recliners & sleeper camel leather. LazyBoy recliner. 5 Pc. Dinette, glass top, 4 matching bar stools. Queen Sleigh bed, 2 night stands, armoire mah.ETC. Call **Harold**, or **Pat, 480-595-8395**.

IF YOU WANT TO SELL THOSE VALUABLES THAT ARE COLLECTING DUST (value of \$100 or more), let my son do it for you on EBAY. He will come to your home to take photos of the item you wish to sell; and he will discuss with you all details, taking into consideration your input. He will do the necessary research to determine the approximate value of your item; answer all your questions and give you a signed agreement. He will ascertain shipping costs, which the buyer pays. When the item sells, he will pick it up from you and pack it for insured shipment to the buyer. Payment is guaranteed before shipping because he uses his "Pay Pal" account. In this way, the buyer's money is deposited into his Pay Pal account before the item is shipped; and released to him as soon as the buyer confirms he has received the merchandise and is satisfied. You receive a check for 75% of the selling price. (Remember, consignment stores only give you 50% of the selling price.) For this complete service, his fee is only 25% of the selling price. He has recently sold my sterling flatware; so I heartily recommend him and feel he will do a good job for you. Call me if you want him to get in touch with you. **Janet Biondo, 480-488-0259**.

Paprika (a sweet 12 pound apricot poodle) is looking to keep someone company during the work day. Could it be you? If you could benefit from an animal companion during the day Paprika would love to spend some time with you. Please call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, to discuss.

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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