

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Annual Meeting, Contractors, Bulk Pickup, Satellite Dishes, Lost Money

—By **Dennis Carson**, dmcarsen@q.com, *President of the Bellasera Board of Directors.*

ANNUAL MEETING

One final reminder: The Annual Meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on April 17, 2011 at the clubhouse.

It appears some residents are still confused, and think the proposed change to the Bylaws on Ballot #2 will allow non-homeowners to become directors. Directors are not affected – they must still be homeowners. Again, the proposed amendment only allows the Board to appoint independent officers, and they must still report to the Board. This is what the Bylaws provided before they were amended in 2007.

Some of you may have returned your voting material without casting your vote on Ballot #2. I hope the explanation that you have now received from me has clarified the matter and you are now comfortable in voting on this important subject.

For those of you who have not already voted, but would like to cast your vote on Ballot #2 and require a new ballot, I have attached the ballot to this newsletter. Ballots will also be available in our management office during regular business hours and we will have ballots available at the annual meeting on April 17. Your executed ballot can be returned to the management office or hand delivered when you attend the annual meeting. You will have to note your Lot # on the ballot.

I apologize for the confusion. This is an important matter for your community and I urge you to cast your ballot.

CONTRACTORS

Our guards have informed us that some vendors are annoyed when they have to sign in at the front gate, and are somewhat confrontational with the guards when the vendor isn't simply waived in. Please inform your vendors that this is private property and they must register with the guards to enter. Also, please instruct them that they cannot piggyback in through the back gate. We do have the right to suspend access to the community to any vendor that is abusive to our guards or trespasses. Clearly, an unauthorized entry is a trespass.

BULK PICKUP

We have number of residents who regularly place bulk trash out for pickup long before the permitted time. The Association's Design Guidelines provide that trash shall not be placed in the trash pick-up area earlier than three days prior to the designated beginning day of the week specified for bulk trash pick-up by the City of Scottsdale.

Scheduled weeks for collection are the week of:

April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 8, September 5, October 3, October 31, and December 5. Please mark your calendars.

SATELLITE DISHES

It is a violation of our Design Guidelines to install a satellite dish without first submitting an application for approval to the Modifications Committee.

Our Design Guidelines state that the location of the antenna or other device must be designed to assure the minimal visual intrusion possible (i.e., is located in a manner that minimizes visibility from the street or an adjacent Lot and preserves the Community Wide Standard, without precluding reception of a quality signal, or unreasonably increasing the cost of the antenna or device.

A number of residents have ignored the requirements and installed satellite dishes on the walls between Lots without prior Committee approval, in locations close to the front of the house, and clearly visible from the street. I doubt there are no other locations in a yard that will work just as well. I spent the extra \$125 to have it installed on a post in my side yard well below the top of the wall so that it cannot be seen from the front street or by my next door neighbor. I also doubt that anyone living in this subdivision can claim that \$125 - \$150 extra to place the dish on a post is an unreasonable amount.

LOST MONEY

On Wednesday morning, March 9, a resident walking down 74th Way, found an envelope filled with cash. Most likely, it belonged to an individual working in the area, and probably was an important part of their finances. Please contact the office if anyone has any information that may be of help in locating the owner.

Meeting Notices

BCA Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 17** at **2 p.m.**

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, April 14** at **2 p.m.**

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

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 12**, at **3 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 27**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 12**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, April 7**, at **12 noon.**

Traffic Advisory

I don't know about you, but I don't like making left turns in Arizona. I try to avoid them when possible, but can't always. There's a particularly dangerous situation which occurs when I leave the main gate of Bellasera to take a left on Scottsdale Road.

When making a left-hand turn onto Scottsdale Road from the main gate, I usually sit in the middle turning lane before heading into the traveling lane. When another car from our complex enters the turning lane behind me, I cannot see the approaching cars in the traveling lane I want to enter. I would suggest that people at the main gate wait until the first car enters the traffic lane before going to the middle waiting lane.

No one is going to police this act, but I think if you are aware of the danger, you may think twice about pulling behind someone in the waiting lane. Thanks. —**Myrna Levin**

Bellasera Library

A reminder that we have an informal "lending library" in our clubhouse sitting area, where you may find some interesting reads. It always includes some previous best sellers (fiction), various non-fiction texts, and a lot of "trade" (paperback novels).

Residents can either keep their "finds", or return them to the clubhouse bookshelves when finished.

And please consider donating some of your own favorites, to be shared with your neighborhood "Bookies."

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, April 4**, with the next pickup the week of **May 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.**

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics continues in April at the new starting time. Beginning 4/1, we start at **10:00** and end at 11:00 a.m., every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. If you need to see the underwater DVD, call **Janet** to borrow it, **480-488-0259**.

Beginners Yoga

Judith Zeiger is teaching a Beginners Yoga class **Mondays** from **8:45 a.m.** until 9:45 a.m. in the clubhouse. Please note the earlier time which starts April 4. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith**, **480-575-7286**, **jazeiger@cox.net**. Bring a mat if you have one. Come to yoga and then join the Water Aerobics group right after yoga.

Pilates

Pilates Classes are Back - "Live" in Bellasera!

Pilates, one of the most effective combinations of exercise to build overall core strength, tone muscles, strengthen abs and backs, and protect the body from common injuries, will once again be offered in Bellasera! Instructor **Dona Perreault** (Bellasera resident), with 8 years of experience in teaching and training in Pilates, will offer three classes per week beginning April 25. **Dona** limits her classes to 10 students, of any fitness level, so she can ensure each student has one-on-one attention. Please contact **Dona** at **dperreau@telus.net**, or leave a message at **480-392-6566** to register. Your body will be stronger, more flexible, you will have a greater range of mobility, and you will notice the results in a short period of time. Classes are one hour, every **Monday & Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** and **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** in the Activity Room.

Luncheon

The April community luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, April 14 at 12:00 noon** at the Herb Box in DC Ranch. **Susan Loiselle** is the hostess.

Brown Bag Book Club

We will be reading "Major Pettigrews Last Stand" by Helen Simpson this month. Join us for our brown bag lunch by the pool and a enjoyable discussion at **noon on April 20**. **kkmoore@sbcglobal.net** .

Hikers

After a trip to Sedona in February and a trip across the valley in March, I am choosing to stay closer to home in April. Unless the weather really gets hot by the end of April, we will hike from the Gateway Trailhead in the McDowell-Sonoran Preserve to Inspiration Point or, perhaps on to Wingate Pass. This would be an out and back hike. It should be similar to the Gateway Loop in difficulty, but will involve a bit more elevation gain.

The hike is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27**. 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.** 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 **dgbebb@cox.net** to let me know if you can join us.

I would like to know how much interest there is in a May hike. How many will still be in the area and would be interested in a hike? If there is interest, I am proposing to travel to the rim above Payson and to hike the loop around Woods Canyon Lake. A few of us made this hike last year and found it to be a pleasant and easy hike. Again, please send me an e-mail to indicate your interest.

March Weather In Bellasera

(March 1—March 31)

Highest temperature: **85**

Lowest temperature: **38**

Rainfall this month: **0.44**

Since January 1: **1.87**



April in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*

Pruning and Planting

April has finally arrived and, if you haven't already started, it is a good time to get spring pruning and planting underway. This is an especially challenging month with all of the frost damage done this past winter. Additionally, if you have herbs in your garden, you'll need to do some pest maintenance as well as pruning. Remember, rosemary is a herb and is found in many Bellasera gardens.

Pruning

Tender Tropicals

The frost damage done to cold-tender plants such as **bougainvillea**, **ficus**, **lantana** and **natal plum** will need to be cleaned up. Cut back dead foliage to the first green growth that has emerged.

Cactus

If cholla or prickly pear cactus become too large, they should be cut to a joint with a saw or large clippers. Remember to wear heavy gloves to protect your hands. Also, it is not necessary to treat a cut on these types of cactus if the cut is made at the joint.

Yucca should not be pruned unless it is necessary to remove dead or diseased stems. If you need to prune, cut back to either a joint or as low on the plant as possible and dust the wound generously with powdered sulphur until it completely dries out.

Herbs

Inspect your **Basil**, **Lemongrass**, **Peppers**, **Mexican Tarragon** as well as other frost sensitive plants closely, looking for new growth emerging from the lower half of the plant. Using sharp shears, cut the plant back by 1/3 to 1/2 or more, down to healthy new side shoots. Top-dress the plant with new compost and water well for a fresh start. Rosemary spring growth should be well underway and, following the blossoming of its vivid blue-violet flowers, can be safely trimmed back.

Planting

April is an ideal month to plant and, if you do, I recommend that you choose native plants or plants that are adapted to our high temperatures and alkaline soils for the following reasons:

- It will cost you much less time, energy, and money.
- You will be celebrating the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert rather than trying to create the Pacific Northwest, the Southeast or some other environment.

Remember, as pointed out in our March column, review the list of prohibited plant material contained in our Bellasera Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions manual (CC&Rs) to ensure that you do not plant anything that is prohibited.

There are thousands of beautiful plants that grow here and many that grow nowhere else. Do yourself, your pocketbook, and the plants a favor and GO NATIVE!

Tomatoes

If you have planted tomatoes, blossom end rot may occur this month which is characterized by a small, water-soaked lesion appearing on the blossom end of the fruit. It is caused by a calcium deficiency or stress as a result of uneven watering. This can be managed by:

- Applying gypsum to the soil.
- Watering regularly and deeply.
- Mulching to reduce evaporation.

Watering- Adjust your irrigation timer to water more frequently. Be sure to run your system long enough to wet the top two feet of 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—April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	
3 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	4 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	5 Poker 7 p.m.	6 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	7	8 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	9
10	11 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12 Modifications 3 p.m. Building & Grounds 3 p.m.	13 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	14 Lunch 12 noon Herb Box DC Ranch Board Study Session 3 p.m.	15 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	16
17 BCA Annual Meeting 2 p.m.	18 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club 12 noon Budget & Finance 1:30 p.m.	21	22 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	23
24 Easter	25 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	26 Poker 7 p.m.	27 Communications 8:30 a.m. Hike 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. 5	28	29 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	30 Pilates 9:30 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).

ROOF TILES NEEDED. Do you know of a company that supplies our roof tiles? We can't find any that are still in business! If you have recently replaced your roof tiles, please let me know. Call Daniel at **480-393-7321** or e-mail viscontid@cs.com.

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.

Any resident in the audio/video business? We are looking for someone to re-install our equipment or recommend replacements. **Harold Esralew, 480-595-8398, hesralew@cox.net**.

Tools: Power Router w/Bits, Router Table, 7 1/4" Circular Saw w/Blades, Belt Sander, Sabre Saw w/Blades & more. Best Offer. Call **Leon, 480-575-7837**.

Photo Equipment: Canon AE-1 Program 35 MM, 50 MM Lens, 28 MM Lens Wide Angle, 70-150 MM Macro Zoom, 2X Macro-Focusing Teleconverter, Canon 188A Speedlite, Gossen Luna-Pro Exposure Meter & more. Call **Leon, 480-575-7837**.

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

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**.

For Sale: One upholstered armchair, \$40. **Lena, 480-219-4943**.

Need some help? **Spencer Eisner**, a responsible 15 year old is available some afternoons and weekends to help with odd jobs, babysitting, yard work, etc. Please call if interested, **480-488-3426**.

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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—— indicates committee chairperson

LOT # _____

Bellasera Community Association, Inc.
2011 ANNUAL MEETING

BALLOT #2
AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Voting Instructions: One (1) ballot for each Lot owned. Mark the ballot to vote for the approval or disapproval of the proposed changes to Sections 4.1 and 5.2 of the Bellasera Community Association Bylaws as set forth below. If approved, the Bylaws will be mended and restated to delete the strike-through words and insert the underlined words in Sections 4.1 and 5.2 as set forth below.

APPROVE

NOT APPROVE

4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers of the Association ~~must~~need not be members of the Board ~~and must be or~~ Homeowners. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

5.2. Other Committees. In addition to committees of the Board as set forth in Section 5.1 and such other committees as are required or authorized under the Governing Documents, the Board, by resolution from time to time, may establish such committees and charter clubs as it deems appropriate. Any such committee may perform such tasks and functions as the Board may designate by resolution; provided, no committee or committee member may exercise any power or authority which could not otherwise be exercised by the Board in accordance with these Bylaws. The role of committees established pursuant to this Section shall be to advise the Board with respect to establishing operational policy or to assist the officers in the performance of their respective functions. No committee or committee member shall be authorized to perform or interfere with the day-to-day operations of the Association.

Each committee appointed pursuant to this Section shall consist of no more than one director. Other committee members may be Homeowners. A candidate slate consisting of all homeowners who volunteer for committee assignments must be presented to the Board for vote. Committee members serve at the Board's discretion for such periods as the Board may designate by resolution; provided, however, any committee member, including the committee chair, may be removed by the vote of a majority of the directors. ~~A committee chair can serve as the chair for a maximum of six years only but may remain on the committee longer than six years unless removed by a majority of the directors.~~ A committee member, other than a Board member, may not serve on more than one standing committee at any one time. Each committee shall consist of no more than one representative from a property. A Board member shall not serve as committee chair of a standing committee. Any resolution establishing a charter club shall designate the requirements, if any, for membership therein. Each committee and charter club shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution establishing such committee or charter club.