

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Fireworks, Lighting, Legislation, Meetings

—**By Susan Loiselle**

Welcome to summer in Arizona. We had a real spring this year then, overnight, the temperature soared to 100+ degrees. Spring turned to summer for me with the flooding of the men's restroom. As with many of these jobs, it took longer than we would have liked to get it up and running again. Thanks to everyone for your patience.

Fireworks - Arizona has passed a bill to allow the sale of fireworks but it allows cities to make their own rules about how fireworks can be used. The City of Scottsdale has banned the used of fireworks within the city limits. As we are all too well aware this year, this is fire season. Please celebrate the Fourth of July with a hot dog instead of a sparkler.

Our regular quarterly night lighting inspection will take place in July. Please check the lights on your front yard trees and garage. Our rules require garage lights to be illuminated from dusk to dawn and front yard trees must be illuminated from dusk to midnight daily.

New Legislation - You have probably heard the Arizona Legislature has passed new legislation affecting Planned Communities, taking effect on July 20. Arizona's Open Meeting Law is one of the most important of the new laws. Bellasera already complies with most requirements of this law, so we must only make minor changes in our procedures to be compliant with the revisions. As a Homeowner with an interest in our community, it is important that you understand the concept of open meetings.

All meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees are open to all Homeowners or to their representatives, designated in writing by the Homeowner as such. The only exception to this is Executive Sessions where the Board may discuss certain sensitive issues specified by the law. Owners or their representatives are allowed to speak at open meetings and the dates and times of meetings are posted in the newsletter and on the bulletin boards. The Board and Committees conduct the business of the Association. You're invited to attend and watch your Association at work.

Summer in Bellasera - Get out of the heat and out of the house and take part in some of our community activities: Check the newsletter calendar for dates, times and phone contacts for the summer schedule for Potluck Dinners, Poker, Bridge, Book Club, Pilates, Water Aerobics, Yoga, and Luncheons. Some of the groups are taking the summer off but others are going strong.

Susan Loiselle, shloiselle@cox.net, is President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, July 14**, and for a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 28**. Both meetings convene at **2 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, August 3**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 12**, at **11 a.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, July 7**, at **12 noon**.

Bellasera Community E-Directory

The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community E-Directory will be **e-mailed this month** to all residents with an e-mail address on file. The encrypted, password-protected Adobe PDF file will be attached to an e-mail message.

Residents with a valid e-mail address who do not receive the mass mailing by July 31 may request one via message to **directory@azbellasera.org**.

The Communications Committee produces a community directory annually, alternating between printed and electronic versions. The last printed directory was released in July 2010.

June Weather In Bellasera

(June 1—June 27)

Highest temperature: **107**

Lowest temperature: **54**

Rainfall this month: **0.00**

Since January 1: **2.64 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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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, July 11**, with the next pickup the week of **August 8**.

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**.

Maureen Simpson-Girl on the Run

—*By Joe McDade*

Our lifestyles are normally enhanced by our activities, interest, and hobbies. **Maureen Simpson**, a longtime resident of Bellasera, along with her husband **Mike**, certainly qualifies as one whose life has been enhanced. Having a multitude of interests, she leads a very busy, active life and has found a way to channel those interests and activities back to the community.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, **Maureen** grew up in Zachary, Louisiana and is a proud graduate of LSU earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is quick to point out that the best college football experience is Saturday night in Baton Rouge watching the LSU Tigers.

After graduation, **Maureen** embarked on a 20 year career teaching 2nd and 3rd grade. Some of those years were spent in the lower 9th district in New Orleans which was both challenging and rewarding as this was a lower income, inner city district of the "Big Easy", one that was hit very hard by Katrina.

Maureen is drawn to numerous physical activities including, skiing, golf, and biking. She is an expert skier having honed her skills at an early age on the mountains of Colorado facilitated by Louisiana ski clubs. After 35 years, she still loves the sport and takes at least three trips per year with **Mike**, their favorite place being Telluride. She is a regular with the Bellasera golf group and doesn't brag about her handicap but hints that it's respectable. She also bikes and swims on a regular basis.

Maureen's favorite pastime is watercolors. With no formal training, other than a few classes in college, she has become a very accomplished artist having been at it for 8 years. She has produced many finished products, some of which adorn her house and has even sold some. It was this talent that afforded her an opportunity to participate in "Memories in the Making," a fine arts program sponsored by the Alzheimer Association and Encore Assisted Living. It provides an environment for Alzheimer's patients to create art which helps them regain the ability to communicate while boosting self-esteem and achieve the ultimate goal of opening channels of communication with loved ones. Over an eight year period, she tutored and directed a group of 6 to 10 patients in these art projects that proved to be very successful. They actually sold their art projects after 2 years.

Using her teaching background, she volunteered in an adult literacy program and provided reading instruction to immigrants who had been given asylum in the U.S. Incidentally, she discovered that joining a book club is an excellent way of motivating one to read and is a member of the book club at Bellasera and Legend Trails. She also participated in the Mini-Museum project at Black Mountain elementary school, providing elementary art instruction while introducing famous artists to the class.

In May of this year, **Maureen** was brought back to her roots by the Rocket Kidz Foundation in Baton Rouge to participate in their Rocketchix ½ Triathlon. She joined her two daughters to participate in the event which consisted of swimming 350 meters, biking 12 miles and finishing up with a 2 mile run. The Rocket Kidz foundation was started in November 2006 to help raise money for kids' programs in the Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi Gulf Coast area, as well as the rest of Southeast Louisiana. The primary mission of the Rocket Kidz Foundation is to fight childhood obesity and encourage kids' fitness through education, programs, facilities, and scholarship development. **Maureen** trained from September to May and we're happy to report that she finished in 3rd place in her age group confirming the Rocketchix beliefs... "There is an athlete in every woman...there is a triathlete in every woman."

Joe McDade, jmcdade@aol.com, is a member of the Bellasera Communications Committee

July in the Garden

—By Pauline Marx



Summer is Here!

Our hot weather has arrived and this month can be a demanding one for plants. You will need to monitor their watering needs carefully since July, in addition to being hot, is usually the start of monsoon season. If thunderstorms bring adequate rain you may be able to turn off your irrigation for a few days...just remember to turn it on again when the ground dries a little.

Last month we touched on the importance of watering, especially how much and how often. So, this month I'd like to provide you some tips on your **irrigation system**, advice on caring for **succulents** in this heat and some insight into an **insect** that's active during hot summer nights.

Irrigation System

Have you checked your irrigation system lately? You can water effectively and efficiently while saving a lot of water and money by inspecting the following key elements of your system.

Controller- Most of us have an automatic timer/irrigation controller. You need to periodically check and ensure that the controller program is correctly programmed. Instructions are usually on the inside of the panel. Most systems have a battery (9 volt) that safeguards against losing the program info. If not, it will definitely need to be reprogrammed after a power outage. Replace the battery yearly.

Leaks- Check for leaks throughout the entire system. Look for standing water, soggy ground, and eroded soil. Replace missing or broken sprinklers, bubbler heads, or drip emitters.

Drip Emitters- Move emitters out to the drip line as plants grow (the drip line is the outermost area where water will drip after a rain) or increase basin sizes for bubblers.

Summer Care for Succulents

Shade- Continue to provide temporary shade for newly planted succulents through the summer. The south and west sides of plants, even large cacti, are especially vulnerable to heat damage.

Heat Stress- Keep a sharp eye on succulents this time of the year to prevent severe water stress. Summer rains are erratic and unpredictable. Adjust your watering if there is a good drenching rain.

Scorpions

Scorpions-There are more than 40 species in Arizona although this number is constantly changing as new species are discovered, classifications change, and some species become extinct. Scorpions come in many sizes and colors, but most of the ones you'll see in Arizona are usually pale gold or tan in color. Scorpions hide under rocks or debris and are active and feed at night. The scorpions that are native to Arizona typically eat spiders, insects and each other, if they are hungry enough. Scorpions fluoresce under ultraviolet light. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is not generally life-threatening. One species of scorpion is potentially dangerous--the bark scorpion. It is light brown and small, usually less than two inches long.

Miscellaneous

Herbs- Water twice a week to about 12 inches. August is die-off month for some perennial herbs of Mediterranean origin, so be careful to not over water.

Roses- Check for yellowing from iron deficiency. Add chelated iron if needed.

If you have any gardening questions call the Cooperative Extension Service at **602-827-8200** or write to them at 4341 Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

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

Community Calendar—July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3	4 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Independence Day	5 Poker 7 p.m.	6 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	7	8 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	9 Pilates 9:30 a.m.
10 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	11 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	12 Modifications 11 a.m. Building & Grounds 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	13 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	14 Board Study Session 2 p.m.	15 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	16 Pilates 9:30 a.m.
17	18 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	21	22 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	23 Pilates 9:30 a.m.
24/31	25 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	26 Poker 7 p.m.	27 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. 6	28 Board Meeting 2 p.m.	29 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.	30 Pilates 9:30 a.m.

****Bellasera Classifieds****

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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.

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**.

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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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