

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Bellasera Community E-Directory

The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community E-Directory was e-mailed on July 12 to all residents with an e-mail address on file.

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

Special thanks to Communications Committee member emeritus **Pat Manion** for his expertise during the production of this year's directory. And to **Sharon Foxworth** in the Manager's Office for faithfully providing much of the data used to compile the directory.

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

Summer, HOA Legislation, Kudos To Keven

—By **Susan Loiselle**

Summer is dragging on with many of our owners leaving us behind for the lure of more comfortable weather, although judging from recent weather reports, many of our friends have taken our broiling temperatures with them. Those residents missed out on our once-in-a-lifetime dust storm. Luckily, we managed to get the community's trees trimmed just before the storm season and the very hot weather arrived.

On July 20, Arizona's new HOA legislation went into effect. In addition to the Open Meeting Law mentioned in the June newsletter, there are other new laws which will affect Bellasera.

Arizona now requires boards to allow homeowners or their representatives (designated in writing) be allowed to audio or video tape the open portions of board meetings. HOA's may adopt rules pertaining to this law in order to prevent any unnecessary disruption to meetings. Bellasera's rules regarding recording of meetings are shown on page 4 of this newsletter.

A new law requires HOA's to allow flagpoles in both the front and back yards (requiring Modifications Committee approval) and the Gadsden Flag is added to the list of flags that are allowed to be displayed. When the political season rolls around, BCA will allow the display of political signs 71 days before an election and 15 days after with some restrictions regarding size and number.

Complete information regarding HOA legislation can be obtained from the State of Arizona's website, **azleg.gov**.

And last, but certainly not least, the friendliest man in Bellasera, our own Lieutenant **Keven Peterson** won his company's Supervisor of the Month award for June, receiving a lovely plaque and a nice bonus. He competed with several hundred other candidates for this honor. We are lucky to have him assigned to our community. His smile and friendly wave is a hallmark of Bellasera.

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

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, August 25**, at **2 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, August 24**, at **1:30 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 9**, at **3 p.m.**

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 9**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, August 4**, at **12 noon**.

SPEED LIMIT 25

STOP

Two signs that appear throughout our community. Ignored by far too many.

One resident recently reported nearly becoming a car-hits-pedestrian statistic at the intersection of Ponte Bella & Corva. That's the STOP sign near the tennis courts after coming through the Scottsdale Road gate entrance.

Please...common courtesy and traffic laws require your constant compliance.

Thank you for preventing a future accident.

July Weather In Bellasera

(July 1—July 27)

Highest temperature: **110**

Lowest temperature: **63**

Rainfall this month: **2.64**

Since January 1: **5.28 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, August 8**, with the next pickup the week of **September 5**.

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**.

Bellasera Policy Regarding Recording Or Video Taping Open Meetings

Effective July 20, 2011

1. The person intending to record the meeting must provide 24 hours advance notice to the Community Manager or President of the intent to record the meeting in writing, via email or fax.
2. The person recording the meeting must verbally indicate to the Community Manager, President or person running the meeting, at the start of the meeting, that he or she is going to record the meeting.
3. The recording device must be visible to the board of directors at all times during the meeting while the device is recording.
4. All videotaping must be on a tripod and must be located in the back of the meeting room.
5. Videotape tripods cannot obstruct the view of people attending the meeting.
6. The Board of Directors shall have a right to receive a copy of the recording, at Association expense.
7. All recording devices must run on batteries. The Association cannot guarantee that power will be available in the meeting space and power cords cannot create tripping hazards for other attendees.

Editor's Note: I invited all 14 of the new 2011 Bellasera residents to introduce themselves via a brief e-mail questionnaire. The two shown below are from the "first responders." We hope to have more in future issues.

—**Keith Christian**

Welcome to new resident **Brent Bourdeau** who moved to Visao Drive in May from Divide, Colorado -- on the western slope of Pike's Peak at 10,000 feet elevation.

He and his wife built a dream house for retirement, 6,000+ square feet, 20 acres with a creek and pond, in an elk preserve. But she passed away in February of 2008. The house was too large for one person, too much to keep up, and the real estate market was not very good. So when a cash buyer showed up, he sold. **Brent** has a son and his family in Scottsdale. Another son lives in Costa Rica.

His working life was in real estate sales, mainly residential, and commercial insurance brokerage. For the last 18 years he's provided services for a home for abandoned children in Ecuador, "For His Children," as CFO and stateside advisor.

Brent enjoys golf, most other sports, nature, reading, music, and remembering.

One thing he'd like us to know: "body rot is setting in, the most affected is the hearing."

We welcome **Ron** and **Linda Junier** who moved here in February from Sedona primarily to be close to three children and two grand children that live close by. Their family on Visao Drive also includes a wonderful miniature pinscher, **Bella**.

Ron is a "semi-retired" insurance agent and is still a broker for selling Long-Term Care and Medicare Supplemental insurance. **Linda** is an avid quilter and their casita is her private studio.

They both enjoy playing games like Rummikub, dominos and other board games. The couple also likes to go out to dinner and a movie. **Linda** is a great cook.

Ron and **Linda** would like all to know they're new in town and would really enjoy getting to know others in Bellasera.

August in the Garden

—By Pauline Marx & Joe McDade



Monsoon and Mosquitoes

Our recent thunderstorm demonstrated monsoon rains can dump a deluge of water in minutes, filling shallow depressions in the soil or saucers beneath pots. Mosquitoes can breed in very shallow water. Make sure that any standing pools of water on the ground drain within 24 hours, and empty saucers beneath containers or other receptacles containing water.

Rabbits

You may have noticed that our rabbit population has increased lately and found that, if hungry enough, they will eat almost anything, except what is poisonous. There are a number of plants that rabbits do **not** like and you should have success growing them. The following are **not** on their menu:

Lavender (All types except Canary island lavender) Salvia, Geranium, Rosemary, Desert Marigold, Vinca, Yellow Bells, Trumpet Bush, Mexican Bird of Paradise, Penstemon, Bougainvillea.

Oleander would ordinarily be on the list since it is poisonous to people and animals. However, we are not supposed to grow it here in Bellasera.

A word of caution: Rabbits may nibble on any very young plant, so you may have to protect them in the early stages.

Agaves

In general, it can be hard to tell if succulents are receiving enough water. However, the following are specific things to look for in detecting water stress in Agaves:

- Leaves that are soft to the touch or pale yellow.
- Death of more than just the oldest leaves on the plant. Remember, younger leaves are on the inside, older on the outside.
- Flattened or falling leaves, especially the oldest.

If you are considering adding Agaves to your garden, consider the **Queen Victoria Agave** (*A. vactoriae-reginae*). It forms an intricate rosette shape with thick rigid leaves which are dark green with white markings on each side. Leaves end in black spines making this one of the most visually striking agaves for landscape or container planting. Cream-colored flowers appear after 20 to 30 years when this slow-growing succulent is 2 to 3 feet in diameter. Plant this cold hardy succulent in well-drained soil.

Vegetable Planting

August is the start of our late summer/early fall vegetable planting season. 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 |

Fertilize Citrus

Apply one-third of a tree's annual nitrogen requirements in August or September. Amounts vary depending on the tree's maturity. Follow directions on the product's container.

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—August 2011

| Sunday | Monday 1 | Tuesday 2 | Wednesday 3 | Thursday 4 | Friday 5 | Saturday 6 |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. | Poker 7 p.m. | Communications 8:30 a.m. | | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m. Potluck 6:00 p.m. | Pilates 9:30 a.m. |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Brush & Bulk Collection Week | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. | Modifications 3 p.m. | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. | | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m. | Pilates 9:30 a.m. |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m. | Poker 7 p.m. | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 1:30 p.m. | Board Meeting 2 p.m. | Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m. | Pilates 9:30 a.m. |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
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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**.

For sale: Hunter Douglas Duette Shade, triple cell, pleated, pale beige. Fits large Bellasera window, inside measurement almost 10 ft. 4 foot continuous loop. All hardware & brackets included. Orig. Over \$800. Asking \$95. Excellent condition. Call **480-907-7712**.

We love our landscaper! If you are looking for a caring, reasonably priced Certified Arborist/Desert Landscaper, consider **Mike Meyer** with South Mountain Landcare, **480-440-3762**, or **southmountainlandcare.com**. Feel free to call us for a personal testimonial – **Daniel & Ramona, 480-393-7321**.

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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