

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## Rules Revisited, Return Please, What's New

—By *Susan Loiselle*

Homeowners bring issues to the Board's attention and ask that we address them in a newsletter. With August being a slow news month, this is a good chance to do so.

**Exercise Room:** Use of our fitness center is generally limited to homeowners and their immediate family members. To ensure the enjoyment of the facilities by our homeowners, guests are to be infrequent and certain restrictions apply: Only one guest at a time is allowed, and the homeowner must be present. Guests using exercise equipment must defer to a waiting homeowner. We ask homeowners to limit their use of equipment to 30 minutes when others are waiting. And, of course, we must never give an entrance fob to a non-resident.

**Noise Abatement:** Leaf blowers, mowers, hedge trimmers, saws, power tools and similar devices cannot be used before 7 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Please remind your workers of our rules.

**Trash:** Trash cans are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the day prior to pickup and removed no later than 11:59 p.m. the day of pick up. Bulk trash may not be placed at the curb more than three days before the week designated for the City's bulk pick up.

**Your Assessments at Work:** By choosing to live in a planned community, we agreed to a partnership with our neighbors for ownership of the common areas which are maintained by funds from our quarterly assessments. The Board and our management staff strive to keep costs down, but it is up to all of us to pitch in and help. When our shared property is damaged, we all must pay for it.

We find cigarette burns on our pool furniture and damage from shoes on the coffee table. Owner's painters and landscapers are dumping materials in our washes and open spaces. Weights left in the middle of the floor or broken glass around the pool could cause injury and a subsequent insurance claim or lawsuit against the Association. These actions are costly and drive up our assessments.

Sometimes maintenance issues cause us to close the common area. We give notice with signs, e-mails and caution tape. Residents who do not heed our requests can cause us to incur an expensive additional visit from repair people. Please treat our shared property with respect and work together to use our funds wisely.

**Special Notes:** Would the person who was followed home by our five blue one-pound barbells please lead them back to the exercise room? Some of us miss them. And to the thoughtful resident who has been watering our indoor plants, we have a contractor who handles this for us. Please let him do his job...our plants are drowning.

**New Stuff:** We have installed new benches in our handicapped showers, cup holders on our exercise bikes and we now have new, sturdier pool umbrellas, which must always be closed after use to protect them from wind damage.

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## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** plan for a Study Session on **Thursday, September 8**, and a regular meeting on **Thursday, September 22** . Both begin at **2 p.m.**

**Budget and Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 20**, at **12:30 p.m.**

**Building and Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 13**, at **3 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, September 21**, at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 13**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 8**, at **12 noon**.

## Tree Trimming Reminder

Please trim the trees on your property to ensure that low branches do not overhang the street or sidewalk.

Bellasera walkers and bike riders will appreciate your attention to this matter.

## August Weather In Bellasera

(August 1—August 28)

Highest temperature: **105**

Lowest temperature: **72**

Rainfall this month: **1.55 inches**

2011 Monsoon Season (June 15 to date): **5.90 inches**

Since January 1: **6.99 inches**

## Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to: [editor@azbellasera.org](mailto: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, September 5**, with the next pickup the week of **October 3** .

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**.

## Potluck Continues - Right After Labor Day

Twenty six Bellasera residents bared the heat of August, but cooled off in our air conditioned clubhouse and enjoyed some great food and conversations.

Now, **Claudia** and **Jerry Rose** will be hosting the next fun night after the Labor Day weekend, on **Friday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.** You still have time to sign up for this one. If you are new in the community, this is a great way to meet the rest of us. Just let us know what you feel like bringing; and an extra buck for incidentals.

Next sign-up sheets will be out on the following Monday, for the October 7 potluck, which will be hosted by **Audra** and **Lou Vigna**. All of our "snowbirds" are welcomed back. Come join us.

## Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics starts at **10:00** and ends 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**.

## Bellasera Brown Bag Book Club

We will be starting our book club meetings on **Wednesday, October 19 at noon** at the clubhouse. Our selection for October will be "Life and Death in Shanghai" by **Nien Cheng**. Be sure and bring your lunch along with suggestions for the rest of the season. New members are always welcome.

## Beginners Yoga

Yoga resumes on September 12. **Judith Zeiger** is teaching a Beginners Yoga class **Mondays** from **8:45 a.m.** until **9:45 a.m.** in the clubhouse. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith, 480-575-7286, jazeiger@cox.net**. Bring a mat if you have one.

## Pilates

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, is 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. **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, dperreault@telus.net**, or leave a message at **480-392-6566** to register. Classes for September will be conducted via **Skype** and are one hour, every **Monday & Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** and **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** in the **Activity Room**. Private sessions are also available. Please call **Dona, 480-392-6566**, for details.

## Hiking Resumes

Although it seems to be pretty hot here in August, I am looking forward to a cooler September when we can welcome back many of our traveling residents. In hopes that it will be cooler, I am opening the Bellasera hiking season late in the month of September. The hike is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28**, on the Overton Trail in the Cave Creek Regional Park.

This trail provides an easy to moderate hike which will be good for getting a gradual start for the season. The trail is about 2 miles long and provides some nice views around the north valley. The park is not far and provides some nice ramadas where we can have a post hike lunch. To summarize the September hike:

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

Meet: At the clubhouse parking area at **9:00 a.m.**

Bring: Water, sunscreen, trail snacks, and a picnic lunch for after the hike.

Signup: Please sign-up on the sheet in the clubhouse or reply by e-mail.

Welcome back everyone...**Don Bowman, 480-650-4302, dgbebb@cox.net**.

## Welcome Back

—By *Emily Shriver*

Greetings to **Pat Gillette** and a warm welcome to a former resident of Bellasera. **Pat** and her husband **Bob** lived on Visao Drive for more than 10 years before **Bob** passed away in 2009. At that point **Pat** decided to live with her daughter in Maryland for a while, but Arizona and friends drew her back.

She now lives on Balao Drive in a cozy and updated house. **Pat** rejoined the Newcomers Club to get to know more new people. She says she finds this group to be enjoyable and helpful in getting reestablished. **Pat** also plays lots bridge and spends time with her family and friends. She plans to travel and spend at least part of the summer with family back East.

## Residents New in 2011

Recent new residents **Charlie** and **Becky Johnson** bought their home on 74th Way in January. It's a second home for the couple, which will allow them to escape the grey and wet Seattle winters.

**Charlie** is a retired dentist, while **Becky** spent her work years as an apparel merchandiser.

Their hobbies include golf, hiking and biking. They plan to be good neighbors.

## Meet the Reid's

Welcome to new residents **Dave** and **Kris Reid** who moved into their home on Corva Drive in June from Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Dave** attended ASU and they always loved the Scottsdale community.

**Kris** is a marketing director at John C. Lincoln hospital and **Dave** runs a fire truck manufacturing company.

They both enjoy traveling and hiking in the desert, and look forward to getting to know you.

## September in the Garden

—By Pauline Marx & Joe McDade



### Vegetable Planting

With our current heat wave, I'm sure you are not interested in planting. Well, believe it or not, late August and September 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>
<b>Carrots</b>	Sept.20-Nov. 1	Seeds
<b>Beets</b>	Sept. 20 -Dec 15	Seeds
<b>Green Onions</b>	Sept. 15 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Radishes</b>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Seeds
<b>Garlic</b>	Oct. 1- Oct.31	Cloves
<b>Endive</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Lettuce (head)</b>	Aug. 20 - Sept. 20	Seeds
<b>Lettuce (leaf)</b>	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	Seeds
<b>Cabbage</b>	Sept. 20 - Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
<b>Cauliflower</b>	Sept. 20 -Oct. 1	Transplants or Seeds
<b>Broccoli</b>	Sept.20 - Oct. 10	Transplants or Seeds

The major keys to success are **site selection** and **soil preparation**.

Site Selection – This is the key to growing these non-native plants here in the Sonoran desert. The sun will be getting farther and farther south each day. A site on the North side of a wall with half-day light now will be in more shade later. Plants need at least six to eight hours of sun to perform properly

Soil Preparation- The Fall growing season is relatively short and you don't have much time to play catch-up. If a plant becomes deficient in any nutrients, by the time they are added, you have lost so much time that the crop may not make it. Even a day or two of water stress and the two to four days of recovery mean a week of growing is lost. To properly prepare your soil, follow these steps:

1. Add a large layer of some form of organic matter. The particular choice is not as important as getting at least two inches dug in. Choices for organic matter include compost, any well-aged manure, nitrogen-stabilized bark materials or peat moss.

2. To the layer of organic matter, spread 3 to 5 pounds of a dry sulfur product per every 1000 square feet of the garden. Regular soil sulfur or the Disper-Sul products are the best choices. These products react in our alkaline soil to form little pockets of acidity. Most of the plants above prefer a slightly acid soil. When roots of these plants grow into these pockets the nutrients held by the soil particles are more readily available.

3. Add fertilizer. Although many good vegetable or general-purpose fertilizers exist, it is critical to make sure phosphorous is in ample supply. Add the fertilizer with a high phosphorous number at the recommended rate stated on the bag. Phosphorous is essential in vegetable gardens. It is needed for vegetable crops and especially for juvenile root growth. Whether from seeds or transplants, young plants short of phosphorous exhibit retarded growth.

After everything is spread out, then dig, rototill or incorporate it all uniformly, avoiding any pockets of any of the ingredients. Give it a light sprinkler watering, not more than one half inch of water. This gets the mix brewing and naturally settles the soil. After a few days the soil will dry and then you can smooth rake to final planting shape and plant your plants.

Finally, all that is needed for the next couple of months is water, a little more fertilizer ( according to package directions), picking a few weeds and enjoying the fruits (or vegetables) of your labor!

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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—September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 2 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	<b>Labor Day</b>	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Pilates 5 p.m.	Study Session 2 pm.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 2 p.m.  Potluck 6:00 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Pilates 5 p.m.	Modifications 3 p.m. Building & Grounds 3 p.m. Poker 7 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.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Pilates 5 p.m.	Budget & Finance 12:30 p.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	Communications 8:30a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Pilates 5 p.m.	Board Meeting 2 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 2 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Hike, 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Pilates 5 p.m.  6		Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 2 p.m.	

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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**.

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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**.

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Carpet -- if you need new carpet and want great prices and workmanship, I experienced that at Arizona Floors, **Paul Samartgedes, 602-999-9400**. I would highly recommend him. **Brent Bourdeau, 7651 E. Visao Drive**.

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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**. 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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