

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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President's Report

—By Gregg Dittoe

Dog Park Grand Opening

The Bellasera Dog Park is now completed. I want to invite everyone to come to the Grand Opening Ceremony, which will be held on **Saturday, February 9 at 4 p.m.** We plan to celebrate the official opening of the park with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a few remarks from your President. To sweeten the celebration some of our kitchen connoisseurs have volunteered to bring some of their finest sweet treats. Residents are also encouraged to bring a beverage of your choice — just make sure there are no glass bottles or glass containers. Glass containers are prohibited in the park.

The new Dog Park is already a hit with prospective buyers, according to our resident realtors. We should all be extremely proud of this new asset, as it will benefit both dog owners and non-dog owners alike. Mark your calendars and plan to join your neighbors in celebrating our new amenity.

PS: please leave your four-legged pals at home for the Grand Opening Ceremony. Dogs are welcome to come to the park after the two-legged festivities are finished. Thanks!

Annual Meeting of Bellasera Residents

We have set the date for our annual meeting – Sunday, April 21 @ 2 p.m. on the patio outside the clubhouse. Please reserve the date and plan to attend this important meeting. We hope the weather will be a little more forgiving this year! (It was about 105 degrees at last year's meeting)

We will be sending out meeting notices and details in the mail in the next few weeks. There are two Board seats open for election this year. Our CC&Rs require a 30% minimum voting quorum (108 residents) in order to elect new Board Members, so your vote is very important. Remember, you are electing the leadership of our community, so make sure your voice is heard.

We also need volunteers on many of our committees. If you have an interest in joining a committee, a Committee Membership Form is attached to this newsletter. If you have an interest in running for the Board, please feel free to contact me (greggdittoe@gmail.com) directly. It would be my privilege to explain the duties and responsibilities of a BCA Board member.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, February 27** at **3 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 19**, for the first budget cycle meeting and on **Tuesday, February 26** for their regular monthly meeting. Both begin at **3 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 12** at **3 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, March 6** at **8:30 a.m.**

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

Community Manager's Memo

The street sealing repairs that were previously scheduled for December will be scheduled for late February or the first part of March. It is necessary to have this work completed when there is no chance of frost on the roadways. Further information will be forthcoming once we are closer to the anticipated dates for completion of the repairs.

We are again asking everyone that uses the fitness center to be considerate of others. Please do not stay on the machines longer than 30 minutes if others may be waiting for it and be considerate of others when visiting with one another by keeping your voice low. Thank you.

—**Viola Lanam**

January Weather In Bellasera

(January 1—January 28)

Highest temperature: **73**

Lowest temperature: **21**

Rainfall this month: **3.04 inches**

Since January 1: **3.04 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, February 4**, with the next pickup the week of **March 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.**

Welcome Wagon

Welcome to a new Bellasera resident on Corva Drive, **Mary Therese Anton**.

Mary Therese and her family moved frequently, as her husband's international career required. Their travels in Europe, Asia and Latin America allowed them to experience many different cultures. **Mary Therese** moved to Bellasera at Christmas, just in time to miss Colorado's winter. Both of her children celebrated Christmas with her and have since returned to Florida and Texas.

Mary Therese enjoys classical music, and, as a true New Yorker, she loves the opera. **Mary Therese** would love to join a fellow opera lover to attend the Saturday Met live operas, now featured in the movie houses. Our new resident teaches Spanish and French and would be interested in teaching private or group classes. She's also an art consultant and can assist Bellasera residents with their fine art selection. **Mary Therese** hopes to make many friends in the lovely Bellasera community.

LOST: Distraught 3 year Old's Basketball

On Sunday, January 20, our three-year-old son, **Cal**, lost his beloved commemorative NCAA Sweet 16 Child Basketball. The ball rolled down Pasaro Drive to the intersection at 76th Street. We went looking for it five minutes later and it was gone. If you found it, please call **602-828-1176** so that we may retrieve it. Thank you kindly. -- **The Nillens**

Hikers

If you were not able to join us for the hike on the Dixie Mine trail, you missed a good one! The weather was great, sandwiched between our 4 day cold winter and the recent rain spell. There were 15 of us on the hike which was another good turnout. I had forgotten to mention there was a \$2/person trail fee in the Fort McDowell Regional Park, but we managed to round up the \$30 to keep us out of trouble. Anyway, a good time was had by all.

For February, we are going to hike to Camp Creek Falls in the Tonto National Forest. There seemed to be a lot of interest in this hike among those participants in January. This hike is close to home and will take us to a unique site here in the desert, a water fall. The hike travels on an informal trail, is about 3 miles round trip, and has little elevation gain. The trail is not well developed and does have one fairly steep, but short, section. The major part of the hike is along the bottom of a wash. Depending on the water flow in Camp Creek, you may get wet feet. Plan on a snack break at the falls, it is a very pleasant site.

The February hike is scheduled for **Thursday, February 21**. We will meet at the clubhouse at **9:00 a.m.** Remember to bring water, sunscreen, trail snack, and a smile.

If you plan to join us on February 21, please sign up in the clubhouse or let me know. **Don Bowman, 480-948-9814, dgbebb@cox.net**

Resident Headed to Ethiopia

Many of you know of my work in Ethiopia. I'm happy to announce that we now have a wonderful new website that tells a lot about the work being done there. I invite you to peruse the site: **www.denekeshope.com** and take note of the video on the Prolapse Project page.

I leave for Ethiopia soon and would appreciate any support you can give! Thank you so much.

—**Anna Ingram**

Pilates

Pilates Classes resumed live on **Saturday, November 3!** Instructor **Dona Perreault** (Bellasera Resident) is back to teach both current and new students. Classes are designed so that each participant, whether a beginner or advanced, can enjoy, learn and benefit from **Dona's** classes, in a supportive and fun environment. Please e-mail her, **dona2@shaw.ca**, if you are interested in joining the class. Classes are limited to 10 students, and are held in the Activity Room at the clubhouse, **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** and on **Saturday**, at **9:30 a.m.**

All equipment is provided, just wear comfortable clothes and bring some water! Classes are one hour. Pilates is a great way to gently tone and strengthen your core, as well as every other muscle in your body! Pilates was originally developed as a rehabilitative program, and is used to help participants heal from injuries as well as prevent them. **Dona** adjusts movements for each student's condition, and works with participants, challenging them at their level only. Her students experience remarkable results – they feel better, are relieved of stress, have increased mobility and strength, and through Pilates are able to prevent common injuries that plague so many individuals. **Dona** invites anyone interested to contact her if you have questions or want to discuss your personal situation and how Pilates may help you.

Bellasera in the Rear View Mirror

A look back in Bellasera history that may bring back memories for long-time residents and even be of interest to those not living in our community in prior years. Unedited clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, February 2003, 10 years ago

- A theater party to see "Miss Saigon" on Tuesday, April 1 at the Orpheum Theater in Phoenix is being arranged by the Activities committee. A minimum of 20 participants is required.
- Bellasera homeowners are reminded that termites are another pest that thrives in this area. Several residents have discovered termites around their homes and have taken appropriate control measures. The subterranean termites common in this area live in colonies below the surface. In their search for food, they may emerge through expansion joints in concrete slabs or near foundation footings. They travel through mud tunnels (clearly visible) in quest for wood and paper. These tunnels often appear at soil level and run up the foundation walls.
- Nancy Miller, one of Bellasera's early residents, passed away on Dec. 30, 2002. An avid and enthusiastic golfer, she also enjoyed her dog and relaxation with friends at her cabin in Payson.
- More than half of Bellasera's homeowners voted to allow a resident to replace the property's rear view fence along Lone Mountain Road with a solid wall in an effort to reduce traffic noise from the roadway. Community Manager Janyth Martin reported to the Board that 203 votes were in favor of the request, while 58 opposed it. At least 181 approvals were needed.
- Some residents have found it necessary to place poison on their property to control rodents. This could prove to be dangerous for other animals and children.
- There is no ordinance or law preventing the use of such poisons on private property. However, residents should be aware that they are potentially open to liability if a person or pet is injured by the poison.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, January 2008, 5 years ago

- Sincere thanks to the 40 residents who responded to the Building and Grounds Committee's Gym Survey. It has provided invaluable information to assist the Board in their decision-making, regarding equipment in the gym, both in the short term and further out. The respondents were almost evenly split between male and female, and when two people filled out one form, both voices were included in the survey. On average, respondents said they work out around 4 times per week. Around 60% use the treadmills, about half use the elliptical trainers, 40% use the strength training machines, 20% use the stationary bikes and 15% use the stair climber.
- The revised CC&R/Bylaw documents recently approved by members of the Bellasera Community Association will be distributed in the next few weeks. The latest amendments to the Design Guidelines, as approved by the Modifications Committee, will also be added to the package, bringing all three documents current and up-to-date.
- Three members of the Bellasera Board of Directors will be elected at the Association's annual meeting in April. The two year terms of Shawn Meyer, Chuck Roach and Bob Shriver will end in April. The terms of the other directors (Dennis Carson, Bruce Martin, Dennis Noone, David Redman) end in April 2009.
- AJ's is doing a discussion on WINE AND CHEESE PAIRINGS for Bellasera at their new store. You may attend any of the dates listed: Sunday, February 17; Sunday, March 16; or Sunday, April 20. All three dates are at 5:00 p.m. Each discussion is limited to 15 persons and a sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse.

A newsletter archive is available on our web site: <http://azbellasera.org/newsarch.php>



February in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx & Joe McDade*

Cold and Wet

The late January storm was certainly welcome in that it brought record rain to the Valley and our Sonoran Desert. It will go a long way in replenishing the desert and help bring your garden back to life after our freezing weather took its toll.

Frost Damage

Our recent cold weather resulted in a lot of frost damage which is obvious as you drive around our beautiful community. Although the damage may appear to have killed a number of plants in your garden, it is usually not the case. The best advice I can give you is

as follows:

1. Do nothing with plants which seem to have died. If the dead foliage is left on the plant until new growth starts in the spring, it will protect the lower parts of the plant from further freezes.
2. When you see green leaves emerging lower on the plant, that is the time to prune it back to about 1-3 inches from the base. But remember, do not prune until the last chance for freezing conditions has past, which is usually around mid-February to early March. Many native plants will show no harm from the cold.

Pests

February is a good month to pay attention to pests as they attempt to gain a foothold in your garden. The following are the most common ones you'll find:

Aphids – These are tiny insects that suck the sap from fresh growth on many plants. They are usually *green* or *grayish-black* and prefer cool weather. They are often found in tight clusters on:

- Rosebuds.
- Tender shoots of shrubs
- Annual flowers.

If discovered early, they can be controlled with a strong stream of water on a regular basis. If this doesn't work, try a soapy spray of one teaspoon of concentrated liquid dish detergent to one gallon of water. Spray early in the day and test a few leaves for soap burn before spraying the entire plant.

Thrips – These minute insects appear on flower buds of roses. They will mar the flower, or its outer petals, but require no control unless you plan to enter your roses in a show where perfect plants are required. Otherwise, the damage is only cosmetic and won't affect the plant.

Friendly Bugs

Ladybugs and **Green Lacewings** appear later this month and are natural predators of aphids. They have voracious appetites and help keep them under control. Everyone knows what a ladybug looks like. The green lacewing has long, delicate antennae, a slender greenish body, golden- or copper-colored eyes, and two pairs of veined wings.

Did You Know?

Native people of the Sonoran Desert knew when to plant crops by observing the signs provided by nature. When Mesquite trees began to leaf out as temperatures warmed in late February and early March, the Pima and Papago people were ready to sow seeds. This transition to spring weather finds gardeners eager to begin another planting season.

Romantic Rose

February brings us Valentine's Day and, perhaps, thoughts of roses. As it happens, February is a good month to pay attention to the roses in your garden. Specifically:

- Finish pruning by mid-month.
- Rake up and dispose of leaf litter around shrubs as it may harbor powdery mildew.
- Apply fresh mulch.
- Start fertilizing when new growth is about 2 inches long.
- Continue feeding very 6 weeks in preparation for April's major bloom fest.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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.

Community Calendar—February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30p Potluck 6:00 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Yoga, 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates, 10:30 Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 10:30 a.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m. Dog Park Opening Day 4 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 10:30 a.m. B & G 3 p.m. Modifications 3:00 pm Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 10:30 a.m. Valentines Day	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Presidents Day	Pilates 10:30 a.m. Budget & Finance 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Book Club 12 noon	Hike 9 a.m. Pilates 10:30 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
24	25	26	27	28		
	Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 10:30 a.m. Budget & Finance 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Board Meeting 3 p.m.	Pilates 10:30 a.m.		

****Bellasera Classifieds****

For Sale: 54" Glass Dining Table w/iron & composite pedestal base plus 6 Skirted Parsons Chairs; Glass Top Sofa and End Tables w/iron base; Green Leather Sectional w/two built-in Reclining Chairs. Call for pricing and photos, **Jeannine Dittoe, 480-264-6002**.

Thinking of Selling your home? Let residents **Dick** and **Missy Surges** with their 66 years of combined real estate experience and their vast network through RE/MAX International help you get top dollar for your home! RE/MAX is in 90 countries and has worldwide exposure for your home's exposure. Check out our new virtual tour of Bellasera: www.livingandlovingbellasera.com, **480-219-9230, missysurges@remax.net**

Interior Design and Art Consultant >>> I've just moved to Bellasera and would love to stop by for a free 30 minute consultation with suggestions for decor and art at excellent prices. Please call **MT (Mary Therese), 720-334-1800**.

FOR SALE: Hand hewn wood cocktail table with dark stain, 84" x 45" x 21", \$500; Four counter top height pewter look metal chairs with custom upholstered cushions, \$500 (6 cushions); Lawn furniture: Metal frame from House and Garden w/ sun resistant fabric (recently reupholstered) in burnt orange color; glass top table with 6 chairs; 2 lounge chairs, cocktail table/s \$1500, Fabric Chaise 72 x 40 x 39 height in sage green w/3 24x24" down pillows. \$600. Call **Missy, 480-219-9230**, e-mail photos available.

Top Five Things To Do When Buying Or Selling Real Estate: 1. Call **Jay Cole** with Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty. He'll take care of the other 4. **Jay Cole, jcoleshomes.com, jay.cole@russlyon.com, 480-433-9153**.

Bellasera residents - Take advantage of historically low mortgage rates. I am a Bellasera resident and licensed mortgage banker in Arizona for Quicken Loans. I can refinance your home in as little as 30 days. **Sam Krause, Quicken Loans, 480-305-9901, samkrause@quickenloans.com**.

Steve and **Joan Wallace**, Realtors - We love living in Bellasera and love selling it for the last 9 years! It has been our pleasure to work with our Bellasera neighbors to sell 16 homes in 2012. If you are going to sell your home or are looking for a new one, we would love to work with you! Ask about our discount for Bellasera neighbors. Call **Steve: 602-463-5254 - Joan: 602-361-8111**.

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Need some help? **Spencer Eisner**, a responsible 16 year old is available some afternoons and weekends to help with odd jobs, babysitting, yard work, etc. Please call if interested, **480-270-2881**.

Pet Sitting: Responsible 8-year Bellasera resident, 18 year old AP student at Cactus Shadows HS & volunteer at Mayo Clinic Hospital would love to take care of your pets whenever needed. I love animals and have three of my own. I am available anytime of the week and leave school at 11:30. May come before and after school. Please call **Katie Kaufman, 480-544-9330** or e-mail katie.k704@hotmail.com.

All About Cleaning, Professional Window Cleaning: Inside and Out. Screens, Tracks. As Low as \$120. Please visit our website: www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com. To make an appointment please call **Maria Dixon: 480-206-5237** (mobile) or **480-422-3168** (office).

Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. Enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms 2 sleeper sofas/2baths; Gas fireplace; Fabulous deck; Full kitchen; Washer/Dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Call Bellasera resident **Marti Bening, 480-488-4297** for details.

Cactus City Landscape Maintenance: Yard and Lawn Maintenance, pool cleaning too! Reliable service at affordable rates. Call **Steve Dixon** (Bellasera Resident), **480-331-8707** (text or voice) or **480-206-3378**(cellular), or visit our website www.CactusCityLandscape.com.

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For sale. Girls bicycle, 24 inch 6 speed. Like new, \$50. Bellasera resident, **480-575-6802**.

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, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?

Contact AAM, LLC: **602- 906-4940**

AAM, LLC Emergency : **602-647-3034** or toll free **866-553-8290**

**** Bellasera Community Volunteers ****

Board of Directors
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Committees

Budget & Finance

Don Bowman, *Marilyn Lillienfeld*, Joe Pruess
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Buildings & Grounds

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Communications

Keith Christian, Joe McDade, Emily Shriver, Ed Szkaradnik, Dennis Soeffner

Modifications

Jay Cole, Dennis Corbett, *Jim Gleason*, Stanley Green, Craig Johnson

Security Advisory

Joe Carlon, Dennis Carson, Richard Hoffman, Dennis Soeffner

—— indicates committee chairperson

Bellasera Community Association *Interested in Joining a Committee?*

This is an opportunity to become involved in your community! Bellasera has several active committees. Volunteering your time and experience is both rewarding and satisfying, especially when it directly benefits your community. An added bonus is meeting new people and having fun! Take this opportunity to say:

YES! I AM INTERESTED!

Date: _____

Resident's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in getting involved with the following committee and/or committees:

- Budget & Finance committee _____
- Building & Grounds Committee _____
- Communications Committee _____
- Modifications Committee _____
- Security Advisory Committee _____
- Other _____

Please provide a brief summary of your background and qualifications, your visions for the future of Bellasera and your goals as a committee member. Also, if you marked the "Other" category, please describe what your idea for a new committee would be. A current committee member or Board member will get in touch with you shortly. Thank you for your interest!

Signature: _____

Please turn this form in to the Bellasera office.