

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Dog Park Pictures — Page 4

Dan Bradley was a member of the ad hoc committee formed to plan the community's dog park, and he was instrumental in monitoring the construction phase of the project. He later coordinated an effort that collected over \$2500 in donations from residents that was used for furnishing benches, umbrellas, doggie waste stations, a storage bin, and convenience hooks for back packs or leashes. Board President Gregg Dittoe was the driving force behind the project. —Editor

President's Report

—By Gregg Dittoe

Dogs on the Common Area:

Now that the Bellasera Dog Park is completed and in full use, I would like to make a special appeal to all dog owners in Bellasera. The grassy Common Area outside of the clubhouse should not be used by residents to walk their dogs in this area. That's why we built the Dog Park. We would like to utilize the grassy Common Area for strictly people use.

To be clear, our CC&Rs do not prohibit residents from walking their dogs in the Common Area, as long as the dogs are on a leash and people clean up after their dogs. We can't "legally" prohibit people from walking their dogs in the Common Area. However, we are making a strong appeal to all dog owners - please use the Dog Park to exercise your dog. As good neighbors, and in the spirit of community and cooperation, please respect this request from the Board.

Also, please know the Board has revised the violations policy regarding off leash dogs. Dogs Must Be On a Leash Everywhere On Bellasera Common Grounds Except in the Dog Park. This includes washes, sidewalks, trails and the Common Area. The Board intends to enforce the leash rule, which is consistent with the Scottsdale leash law. Fines will be issued for any violators of the leash policy and the cleanup policy. Residents who witness off leash activity, or violators failing to clean up after their dogs, are encouraged to identify the violators and file a written complaint in the clubhouse office. Violators will be fined after an initial warning is issued and repeated violators face a suspension of their Common Area privileges.

Board Changes:

In February **Ed Szkaradnik** resigned from the Bellasera Board. Ed has become more involved in his consulting business, and the increased demands of his business have made it difficult to continue with his Board responsibilities. We wish **Ed** the very best in his business pursuits and thank him for his volunteer service to Bellasera.

The Board appointed **Dennis Corbett** at the February 27 Board Meeting to fill the remainder of Ed's unexpired term. **Dennis** will also be running for the open Board seat to be filled by a vote of homeowners at the Annual Meeting on April 21. Welcome **Dennis Corbett**!

Lawsuit Update:

As a reminder, there will be an Open Meeting for all residents on **March 7 at 7 p.m.** in the clubhouse. **Jason Smith**, Bellasera legal counsel, will be present to provide an update and to answer questions.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, March 28** at **3 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Monday, March 11**, for a budget meeting and on **Tuesday, March 26** for their regular monthly meeting. Both begin at **3 p.m.**

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

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

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

Clubhouse Parking Lot Closure

The clubhouse parking lot will be closed for re-striping on **Wednesday, March 6**, and will remain closed until Sunland removes the barricades.

February Weather In Bellasera

(February 1—February 27)

Highest temperature: **72**

Lowest temperature: **29**

Rainfall this month: **0.72 inch**

Since January 1: **3.76 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, March 4**, with the next pickup the week of **April 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.**



photo submitted

Dan Bradley cuts the ribbon to open the Dog Park on Saturday, February 9



photo provided by Steve & Joan Wallace

Bellasera's new Dog Park

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, March 2003, 10 years ago

- What will Bellasera be like in 2013? 2023? I know some of us may think that's further down the road than we need to think about, but Bellasera will still be here and people will be living here. What can we do now to assure that Bellasera residents of 2023 will enjoy and be as proud of their community as much as we are today?
- Your Association's Board of Directors, at February's meeting, created a Long Range Planning Committee to look towards the future and develop goals, plans, and funding options for the continuing preservation and improvement of Bellasera.
- A St. Patrick's Day feast on Sunday, March 16 at the clubhouse will prepare the entire community to become Irish for the official holiday on March 17. The dinner, at 7 p.m., will feature the traditional corned beef and cabbage as the main course.
- A community-wide referendum gave the needed 51% that will allow owners of lots backing on Lone Mountain Road to apply to Modification Committee and to the City of Scottsdale for permission to replace their view fence with a solid block wall. There were 296 votes cast in the two-part referendum. The final vote for the initial application was 232 in favor, 64 opposed. For the broader referendum, which would allow others to apply for the same change without requiring the community's approval in each case, 189 votes were cast in favor.
- Five residents have filed to be candidates for the Bellasera Community Association's Board of Directors as of the newsletter's deadline, including the two incumbents whose terms expire in April. Association members in good standing can become candidates any time before the election at the Association's annual meeting in April., and write-in votes are allowed in the election. The first five candidates for the two two-year terms are: Brad Gazaway, Patrick Quinn, Al Ricciardi, Gary Stettner and Robert Tack. Ricciardi and Tack are currently on the Board of Directors.
- Janet and Frank Biondo are back on the grandparenting track with Sophia Katherine, who was born in January to their daughter Brenda and her husband Sean KcKeown. She's Brenda and Sean's first child. They live in Manitou Springs, Col.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, March 2008, 5 years ago

- A majority (198 of 360) of Bellasera homeowners took the time to respond to the resident survey mailed last month. The response rate (55 %) is by far the highest of any Bellasera community survey. Thank you! Congratulations to the winner of the \$50 AJ's gift card: Freya & Robert Weissner.
- The revised CC&R/Bylaw documents recently approved by members of the Bellasera Community Association will be distributed early in March. The latest amendments to the Design Guidelines, as approved by the Modifications Committee, will also be added to the packet, bringing all three documents current and up-to-date.
- My thanks to everyone who replied to last month's request for opinions on closing the back gate for improved security. The overwhelming theme of the responses was "don't do it"! So...the Board will look at other alternatives for improving the situation. I'll advise you again if we plan to make any changes.—Chuck Roach
- After an exhaustive review of alternatives and prices, the Board elected to stay with Life Fitness equipment for the exercise room. Our new treadmills and cross-trainers should be delivered sometime in March.
- On Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., in the Bellasera clubhouse there will be a free informal open discussion facilitated by Bellasera resident John Dubuc, founder of ROI Creations, LLC. The topic will be a process for getting paid for your product ideas and inventions. According to John, we all have ideas for new products or how to improve existing ones. Most people don't take action because they think they have to start a company or be the manufacturer or pay for prototypes, patents and lawyers. The truth is this is the rare exception, not the rule.

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



March in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx & Joe McDade*

March is traditionally a good month for gardening in the desert and, with our winter rainfall, it should be ideal conditions for us. So, make it a point to get out to one of our local nurseries this month and make your selections for spring planting. To help you, I'll provide some recommendations on **what to plant** as well as some **pruning** tips which are very important after all the frost we've experienced.

What to Plant

Cactus- You can plant all types of cacti and succulents. In addition to purchasing them from a nursery, they can be easily propagated from existing plants via *cuttings* or *off-shoots*. Simply allow the cactus cuts to become dry and callous or hardened before planting. This usually takes two to three weeks. The exceptions to this are agave, yucca and aloe cuttings which should be planted immediately.

Herbs- How about an herb garden to perk up your cooking? Try favorites such as:

- Basil - Chives - Marjoram - Mint - Oregano - Parsley - Sage

All of the above grow well in desert herb gardens.

Annual Flowers - As winter-growing annuals begin to decline at the end of the month, remove them. It is indeed hard to be ruthless when there are still a few flowers or a bit of green. To fill the gap, replace them with warm-season annuals. Some suggestions:

- Celosia - Gaillardia - Globe amaranth - Portulaca
- Lisianthus - Madagascar periwinkle - Marigold

Choose only healthy looking plants and be careful not to judge a plant by its container size. Desert plants often appear unimpressive in nursery pots, but once transplanted into the ground they grow rapidly.

Remember- Rotate plantings of vegetables and flowers each season to different areas of the garden. This practice of "crop rotation" prevents plant specific pests and disease from building up in the soil.

Pruning

Once all danger of frost is past, usually March 15, prune winter-damaged branches from bougainvillea, lantana, and other frost tender plants. Remember, do not be impatient! If you prune too early, late freezes, cold and drying winds can be devastating to tender new growth. We all hope to witness the emergence of green leaves by the end of March!

Miscellaneous

Drip System- It's that time of year to pay attention to your drip system. Clean out sediment and algae and replace clogged emitters that you can't clear and also clean filters. Be ready to adjust your timers as we await the warmer weather.

Roses- Apply a slow-release fertilizer every six weeks to enhance the major bloom season in April and May.

Butterflies- Want to attract butterflies? Milkweeds (*Asclepias sp.*) are sure-fire attractants for your butterfly garden because monarchs lay their eggs on these plants to serve as food for hatching caterpillars.

Citrus- Do not prune citrus except to remove dead or damaged wood and branches obstructing pathways, views, or structures.

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—March 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30p Potluck 6:00 p.m. | 2 |
| 3 Brush & Bulk Collection Week | 4 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. | 5 Poker 7 p.m. | 6 Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Clubhouse Parking Lot Closed | 7 Community Meeting 7 p.m. | 8 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m. | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Budget & Finance 3 p.m. | 12 B & G 3 p.m. Modifications 3:00 pm Poker 7 p.m. | 13 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. | 14 | 15 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m. | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. | 19 Poker 7 p.m. | 20 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Book Club 12 noon | 21 Hike 8 a.m. Luncheon 12 noon | 22 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m. | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. | 26 Budget & Finance 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m. | 27 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. | 28 Board Meeting 3 p.m. | 29 | 30 |

****Bellasera Classifieds****

Beautiful Spanish Colonial Art For Sale I'm selling an oil painting, appraised at \$3,500 for \$1,500 or best offer. A Royal Angel, dressed in 17th century Spanish court finery holds a drum and stands with a flourish to announce the King. The artist is from Cuzco, Peru and is a descendant of the original painters, taught by the Conquistadors. Proceeds from the sale will assist the Andean orphans of Peru. Please call to see this wonderful painting. The price represents a real discount for such a valuable painting. Please contact **Mary Therese, 720-334-1800** to arrange a showing or for more information.

Art For Sale Gallery quality art for sale. Priced from \$100 - \$800. Oil paintings, Peruvian Art, and Chinese planters. Priced to sell. Please call **Mary Therese, 720-334-1800**.

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**

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**.

More Classifieds on next page

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.

****Bellasera Classifieds, continued****

Steve and Joan Wallace – Realtors living in Bellasera – we have clients looking to buy in Bellasera – small home with Casita, another buyer who is interested in a Coralina with a Casita and another buyer interested in an upgraded Sapphira. Please give us a call if you are interested in selling-we give a discount to our Bellasera neighbors. Contact **Joan, 602-361-8111**; **Steve, 602-463-5254** or e-mail: **joanwallacehomhomes@cox.net**.

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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**.

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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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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?

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