

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Summer Winding Down

—By *Richard Hoffman, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors*

Summer is coming to a close in Bellasera and many of our residents will soon be returning to our community from more temperate escapes from the Arizona heat. We look forward to seeing those friendly faces again.

The Board of Directors did not meet during July or August, but will have a full agenda at its meeting in September. Building & Grounds Committee has continued to meet monthly and made several recommendations for consideration by the Board. Bids have been received and reviewed to repair and replace cracked and damaged sidewalks and curbs in the community. The Board will select a contractor to perform this work at its September meeting and the work will be done sometime in October or early November. We will notify the community once these repairs have been scheduled.

The Board will also be considering proposals for upgrading the exterior holiday lighting and decorations at our main entrance and guard house. In the past this has been the work of community volunteers, but our existing lights and decorations have reached the end of their useful lives and a more professional treatment is under consideration.

Relating to the ongoing Easement Litigation with the owners of the adjacent 12-acre tract, the Association's counsel is currently pursuing discovery of the underlying historical facts and circumstances in preparation for a trial before the Court in April of 2014.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, September 26** at **3 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, September 19** at **3 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 10** at **3 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 11** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 10** at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 5** at **12 noon.**

Meter Reader Request

The City of Scottsdale water meter reader has requested all residents to please make sure the water meter box on their lot is clear of rocks and debris that accumulates inside the box over time. The meter can be accessed by lifting the cover and removing the rocks and debris. Perhaps your landscaper can clean it out when he is working on your yard.

City water meter readers are asked to do their job as quickly as possible. Thank you for helping them by keeping the area around your water meter clear and accessible.

August Weather In Bellasera

(August 1—August 28)

Highest temperature: **106**

Lowest temperature: **69**

Rainfall this month: **0.38 inch**

Since January 1: **7.31 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, 480-382-9310.**

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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 9**, with the next pickup the week of **October 7.**

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 Voice****

Having just read the latest Bellasera newsletter, I think it behooves the Board, through our attorneys, to vigorously pursue the issue of not allowing another development to access their property through ours. It's bad enough that our residents disregard our traffic signs, and now we might have to deal with another bunch who will do the same. Whoa to the individual who is responsible for an accident, or, God forbid, death.

J.S. Factor

*Since moving to Bellasera in 2006, **Elaine** and I have greatly enjoyed the Bellasera Hiking Program. We initially found it a great way to meet some of our wonderful neighbors and to share many outdoor adventures in different parts of Arizona. I really believe that the program is an asset to the community and I would not like to see it fade away. So, I am proposing that the leadership format change to a "Leader of the Month" approach similar to that used with the community potluck program.*

I will prepare and place a signup sheet in the rec center and encourage folks to take on the hike leadership for a single month. As leader, you get to select a date which is convenient for you, a trail which you enjoy, etc. This is not a big chore and I will be happy to assist anyone in selecting an appropriate trail. On hike day, the leader will meet the hikers and organize transportation among those present. (transportation has never been a problem)

*I will sign up for the October hike. We have a neighborhood full of successful people. It is time for some leaders to step forward. Give me a call if you have any questions. **Don Bowman, 480-650-4302 (cell)***

We solicit your comments on anything relating to the Bellasera community. The usual caveats prevail: avoid abusive or offensive language; use your full real name; don't use commercial messages; don't copy copyrighted material that belongs to someone else; don't include personal information about yourself or others. Think about what you write before hitting that button. Editor reserves the right to edit and refuse any comments. Address yours to: **editor@azbellasera.org**.

Welcome Wagon

New Balao Drive homeowners include **Steve & Linda McVey**, planning to relocate from the Grayhawk community. They have lived in Arizona for 13 years, raised three sons and are down sizing to Bellasera. Both love the amenities in our community: pool; workout facility; and the dog park. They still get family members from Ohio visiting so these features will work well for them.

Steve and **Linda** will be the only full time residents, but their youngest son will be home during his holidays from NAU. He's a senior this year after which he plans to head off to graduate school.

Steve works for IBM as a software territory leader and has been in this industry for 30 years. **Linda** also worked in the software industry as a trainer and in a support position. She's taught middle school and owned her own direct sales business, but mostly has been home raising boys.

Their hobbies include traveling, biking, walking, and just socializing. Steve plays the guitar in a rock band which he loves and his band plays private parties and occasional venue gigs.

Their neighbors should know both love meeting new friends and sharing a bottle of wine. Neighbor alert, on Fall Saturdays: both are (their words) "obnoxious Buckeye fans!"

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Mark and **Chris Reischmann** are recent new homeowners on Balao Drive in our community. Self-described empty nesters, they're looking forward to spending winter months here. A labradoodle, **Addie**, shares their living space.

Mark is retired from a career in investment management. He enjoys fly fishing, biking and golf. **Chris** is a "hit and giggle" tennis player who is hoping to find some people to play some fun tennis! She also enjoy pickleball.

They plan to be Bellasera from mid-September through mid-October, preparing their new home for winter occupancy. The couple looks forward to getting familiar with the community. They have rented houses in the McCormick Ranch neighborhood, in the past.

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. Clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, September 2003, 10 years ago

- Town Hall Meeting: To be held in mid-November to discuss issues of general interest to the community. The newly created Long Range Planning Committee is to lay out an overview of its activity and present its preliminary thoughts on where Bellasera is headed and what types of projects might be considered. The meeting will also include discussion of a few pre-selected topics of general concern. We're still looking for input as to subjects you may wish to have addressed.
- A barbecue dinner at the Clubhouse is planned for Friday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. The Activities committee will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. The cost will be \$10 per person. Those who want beer or wine will need to bring their own.
- The Board of Directors decided at the August 25 meeting to suspend enforcement of awning violations until the Modifications committee decides whether there will be any change in the current ban on awnings.
- We are happy to announce the return of Cory Schidler, Personal Trainer, to our community. Many of you may be aware that Cory was called to active duty in the National Guard in March of this year. No rest for the military traveler – who started back with his strength training class on Monday, August 25, 2003.
- A show and sale of creative arts on Nov. 1 at the clubhouse will have at least eight exhibitors from within Bellasera, its organizer Janet Biondo said.
- The Bellasera Creative Arts Cooperative show space is going to be limited to 20 artists and craftspeople living in Bellasera. The November 1 event is to be the first of a planned twice-per-year show and sale.
- KXAM, Talk Radio 1310 AM has announced the addition to their schedule of "Kluger & Rich," a new midday drive talk show hosted by Barry Kluger, a Bellasera resident, and Debra Rich.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, September 2008, 5 years ago

- We have a winner! Actually, we had 3 lucky winners at Bellasera's first Bunko night. The group enjoyed learning the game and quickly caught on to how it's played. By evening's end, we forged new friendships and agreed that having a monthly Bunko night was in order. There is no limit to how many can play, so all are welcome. Come and join the fun.
- New store openings at the Marketplace include Hand & Stone Massage Spa, and Bella Day Spa. They join the branch office of Chase Bank, which recently opened as well. Casa Paloma Interiors, and Martinizing Dry Cleaners opened earlier this summer. AJ's Fine Foods has been open since last November.
- Bellasera residents Dean and Karen Husted, owners of Desert Homes Development, Inc., have been partners in the custom homebuilding and remodeling industry for over 17 years. DHDI specializes in providing personal attention to your project, whether we are building your BBQ or building your new home from the ground up.
- The Bellasera community extends its condolences to the friends and family of Jeanne Young.
- An on-going but somewhat minor problem is what we might want to do differently about providing shade in the pool area. We started the summer with 10 umbrellas and we now have 4 left. We've purchased them for as low as \$60 apiece and as high as \$300. It doesn't seem to make any difference on how long they last. All it takes is for the umbrella to be left open and a good wind will knock it over and break one of the spines. One solution the Board will consider is putting in a permanent shade structure of some kind—more about this as we look at options and costs.

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

September in the Garden

—By Joe McDade



Au Revoir Monsoon

At the time this column was being written, the monsoon in August will have been a bust unless there is a late surge of rainfall which is still possible into early September. However, by the end of this month (September) it will seem like a repeat of May: dry and hot. The Arizona Monsoon Season used to officially start when the **dew point** reached **55 degrees**, for **3 days** in a row. Now **June 15th** is considered the official start day, and **September 15th** is the official last day of the Arizona Monsoon Season. Don't despair as September ushers in fall and is an important month for your garden as your plants will start to recover from the heat of the summer with the cooling nighttime temperatures. It is a month that provides an opportunity for planting *vegetables* as well as the time to consider some critical maintenance tasks.

Vegetable Planting

This was touched on last month but I thought I would expand on the subject. Cool-season veggies offer an extended window for planting in the low desert that runs from September through March, or later, depending on the crop. The earlier you plant, the more attention you must pay to soil moisture if triple-digit temperatures remain. (Wait until October to plant if you don't have time to monitor your garden.) So, if you have the inclination, 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

The major keys to success are **site selection** and **soil preparation** which I won't cover here but can be found in the September 2012 newsletter which is archived at azbellasera.org/newsarch.php.

Garden To-Do List

Monitor Agaves

Check your agaves and, if any have collapsed into a rotted mess, they were infested by agave snout weevils earlier in the year. Although it is too late to save them, you can control the weevils' spread to nearby agaves by digging up and disposing of the rotten plant material and surrounding soil; this will remove any eggs or larvae. Adults are dusty black weevils about one inch long, with a long snout. They do not have wings. Larvae are similar to white grubs without legs.

Fertilize Citrus

Another reminder, if you did not apply one third of a citrus tree's annual nitrogen requirement in August, feed it this month. The handy "no math required" citrus fertilizing chart from University of Arizona Cooperative Extension will help you determine optimum amounts: ag.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/html/pubs/MC91.pdf.

Pull Weeds

Weeds will sprout after summer monsoons and will compete with garden plants for moisture, nutrients and sunlight. They also harbor pests such as beet leafhoppers, which transmit curly top virus to tomatoes and other vegetables and should be pulled.

Stop Feeding Grass

If you have some grass and plan to over seed with ryegrass in October, stop fertilizing warm-season Bermuda four to six weeks prior. If you don't over seed, continue fertilizing monthly.

Trim Roses

Around mid-month, lightly prune hybrid roses to prepare them for fall bloom. Prune dead or damaged canes or weak spindly top growth, but remove no more than one-third of the plant. Apply a slow-release fertilizer.

Evaluate

After a long, hot summer, take a look at your landscape to decide what works and what doesn't. For example, areas in full summer sun may benefit from a shade tree or the addition of such heat-tolerant shrubs as Baja red fairy duster, Mexican red or yellow bird of paradise.

Next Month — We'll cover clearing out all the old summer annuals to make room for cool-season annuals and give you some suggestions. 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—September 2013

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah begins @ sundown		Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30p Potluck 6 p.m.	
8 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	9 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 B & G 3 p.m. Modifications 3:00 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	11 Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12	13 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur begins @sundown	14
15	16 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Poker 7 p.m.	18 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19 Budget & Finance 3 p.m.	20 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	21
22	23 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Poker 7 p.m.	25 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26 Board Meeting 3 p.m.	27 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	28
29	30 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.					

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I am licensed in the US, Canada and 21 other countries - so please help me spread the word of my services to your friends and family. Visit my website, **www.TotalEssentialServices.com**, and enter the state you would like to get service quotes for.

To introduce my business and to answer your specific questions I hold an informal Open House on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at my home at 30834 North 74th Way.

If you could please call ahead to let me know you will be attending, that would be appreciated. My number is **480-283-7014** and I am available to meet with you in person at your home as well.

It's comforting to know you're getting the lowest rates for all of your essential services. Many thanks for your support! **John Dubuc**, President, Total Essential Services, **www.TotalEssentialServices.com**, 30834 N. 74th Way, Bellasera, **480-283-7014**.

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and other household goods. All items will be put in our Flea Market Sale held every 6-8 weeks in Carefree. Proceeds go to support local kids programs in the Cave Creek Unified School District. Call **Ron**, **480-204-7877**, for information and to schedule a pick up..

Baldwin Upright Piano—Excellent condition-seldom used. \$850. **480-575-7528**.

White wash wicker bedroom set includes: two twin headboards with frames, one night stand, one chest/mobile TV. Please contact **Georgette**, **480-862-9013**.

Stairmaster 4000PT Climber. Very good shape. Originally \$1495. sale: \$500. LifeCore r900 rowing machine. Like New. Originally \$899. sale: \$600. Both: \$1000.00. **Hope Kirsch**, **480-575-8470**.

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(more Classifieds on next page)

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

Want to Sell Your Home or Buy a Home? Call **Steve** and **Joan Wallace** – we have lived in Bellasera 10 years and have been selling real estate for 10 years – we know Bellasera and the market – we have sold homes in: Anthem, Carefree, Cave Creek, Desert Ridge, Fountain Hills, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Sun City Grand. Selling real estate is our full-time job. **Steve Wallace, 602-463-5254.**
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Need some help? **Spencer Eisner**, a responsible 17 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 Mayo Clinic volunteer and student at the Barrett honors college at ASU. I would love to take care of your pets whenever you need. I love animals and have three of my own. Please call **Katie Kaufman, 480-544-9330** or e-mail **katie.k704@hotmail.com**.

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.

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**** Bellasera Community Volunteers ****

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

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