

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Ten Pages

## Trust but Verify

—By *Bellasera Resident Bob Huff*

A few weeks ago I walked out of my garage to find my wife standing in the driveway talking to a workman. The gentleman immediately turned to speak to me directly. He stated that he was a painter and had recently painted some of my neighbors' homes. He gave me some names but I had never heard of them. As I was looking to paint our home, I listened. "How long ago did you paint them," I asked. "Seven or eight years ago," he replied.

[Red Flag: Homes in Bellasera should not have needed a repainting seven or eight years ago].

After asking several times, he finally gave me a business card. I was not at all familiar with his company. He then began what I can only characterize as the "Hard Sell". He gave me a quote. I said no. In the space of 30 seconds he dropped his price by \$800. Again, I said no. Finally he left and as I watched his exit I could see him stopping at several homes along my street.

At this point I drove to the clubhouse and stopped in the Management Office to share my experience with **Sharon**. **Sharon** called the telephone number on the business card but only got a telephone answering machine. **Sharon** left a message that Bellasera does not permit soliciting in the community. When I returned home, I went online to check out the company on the Better Business Bureau website ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)). It only took me about two minutes to find out that this painter has a solid "F" rating!

The point I want to make is that there are many companies and workmen looking for business in our community. Many of us want and need to have things done. It only takes a few minutes to be diligent and check these people out. Trust but Verify!

*(Board President **Richard Hoffman's** column returns next month)*

## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, November 21** at **3 p.m.**

**Budget and Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 19** at **3 p.m.**

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

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

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

## **Lone Mountain Road Adopted**

The Board recently approved a proposal from the Communications Committee to "adopt" Lone Mountain Road -- a one mile segment from Scottsdale Road to Hayden.

Adopt-A-Road ~ Scottsdale Clean and Scenic is a roadside litter program where participants volunteer to pick up trash along designated adopted roads. The aim of the program is to keep Scottsdale roadways free of litter, improving the appearance of the roadsides and reducing harm to our environment. The program was originally created in 1993 by a group of volunteers concerned about litter on the city's roadways. Scottsdale has over 100 volunteer groups that are responsible for the cleanup of over 100 miles of roadways. These volunteer efforts help to beautify our city while providing a service that saves money that would otherwise be spent to clean the roadway.

The committee believes the roadway signs are good PR for Bellasera, in addition to making a clean appearance as we transit this roadway. Signs will soon appear on the road, indicating the community's commitment. The first cleanup is planned for January 2014. More details about how you can participate will appear in next month's newsletter.

## **October Weather In Bellasera**

(October 1—October 28)

Highest temperature: **95**

Lowest temperature: **47**

Rainfall this month: **0.07 inch**

Since January 1: **9.16 inches**

Bellasera weather information is available 24/7/365 on our web site, [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org), courtesy of a home owner's backyard professional weather station.

## **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, 480-382-9310.**

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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, November 4**, with the next pickup the week of **December 9.**

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.**



## Hikers

Join me in November to hike the east side of Browns Ranch in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. We will park at the Granite Mountain Trailhead on 136th street off Rio Verde Drive. We will hike the Bootlegger Trail to Granite Mountain loop trail. There are scenic views & some elevation, going from easy to moderate. The hike is a 5.7 mile loop. The November hike is **Thursday, November 21**. We will meet at the clubhouse parking lot at **9 a.m.** Reminder -- bring water, sunscreen, hat, cell phone, snack, lunch. If you plan to hike November 21, sign up at the clubhouse, or contact **Karen Meiliken, 480-699-8606, Meiliken1@aol.com**.

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## Poker

We need new Poker players. All are welcome to join the **Tuesday** evening poker group at **7:00 p.m.** at the clubhouse. Please contact **Bruce Martin, 480-375-1746, marbru@cox.net**, if you have questions.

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## I Ice Cream Social

The Bellasera Social Committee is planning an ice cream social on **Sunday, November 10**, at **7 p.m.** to welcome back our snowbirds and vacationing residents.

We will have a full ice cream/make your own sundae selection. Cost is \$5 per person. All are welcome. Please contact **Carol Padwe, 480-242-8183, carol.padwe@cox.net**, with any questions. We look forward to seeing long time residents and newcomers.

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## **\*\*Bellasera Voice\*\***

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 plagiarize 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**.

## **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, November 2003, 10 years ago**

- Don't forget: the Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legend Trail Community Center. The meeting is to discuss issues of general interest to the community. The purpose of the meeting is informational only. No decisions will be made or considered by the Board. We are providing a forum for exchange of ideas and concerns.
- The Creative Hands Co-op of Bellasera has 15 artisans showing their creative efforts at the clubhouse on Saturday, Nov. 1, thus launching what is planned as a twice-yearly event.
- Securitas Security named Bellasera's officer-in-charge, Sgt. Kevin Peterson, as the company's Supervisor of the Month for July. He was chosen from a pool of 428 employees. The honor carries with it monetary compensation and a plaque. Congratulations to our Officer-in-Charge – Sgt. Peterson.
- Lloyd and Ginny Price will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 8.

### **Bellasera Neighborhood News, November 2008, 5 years ago**

- Please join the Building and Grounds committee for the annual community clean up on Saturday, November 15, 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse parking lot.
- Participants will be sent to various locations within the community for 1 to 1½ hours of clean up. Refreshments will be served in the clubhouse for all participants after the event.
- Todd and Terri Clausen, with daughter Sami, moved to Bellasera in September. They've been in Arizona for nearly 15 years, after living in Wisconsin. They love the community and all the people they've met so far. Sami would also like to thank all who bought soccer raffle tickets.
- The Bellasera clubhouse parking lot trash container is now locked, after a recent resolution passed by the Board of Directors.
- Thank you for your continued cooperation in not using this container for your personal trash disposal.
- Our Community Dinner will be on Saturday, November 15. It's an Italian Night theme and the entree will be served. We would love to have some antipasto, salad or dessert brought by all you fabulous cooks out there. We're planning on wine and antipasto by the pool from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner indoors at 7 p.m. Sign up at clubhouse. Ciao!

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

# November in the Garden

—By Joe McDade



## Here Comes Winter

November will ease us into winter with moderate temperatures, cool nights and short days. Although these conditions will put our gardens to rest through January, you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs (see below) as well as adding items that will brighten your garden for the winter and spring.

I'll also cover some important seasonal tips that include watering and fertilization.

## Planting Shrubs in November...Some Suggestions

**Apache Plume**- An erect shrub not exceeding two meters in height. It has light gray or whitish peeling bark on its many thin branches. The leaves are about a centimeter long and deeply lobed with the edges rolled under. The flower of the shrub is rose-like when new, with rounded white petals

**Jojoba** -The only plant known to produce and store a liquid wax in its seed. The jojoba plant is native to the southwestern United States and Mexico. It is tolerant of some of the highest temperatures and most arid regions.

**Texas Mountain Laurel**- This evergreen with shiny green foliage can grow naturally as a shrub to about 15 feet, but can be trained to a small tree by cutting out all but one stem at ground level. It looks especially nice as a specimen plant with three to five stems. The light purple blooms in early spring (usually early March) are spectacular. They have a powerful fragrance which will remind you of grape bubble gum.

**Texas Sage**- Durability, easy care, and beautiful blooms have made Texas Sage one of the most popular shrubs in Southern Arizona. These tough, desert-adapted plants provide the backbone for many desert gardens. Mostly evergreen, clean and hard to kill, Texas sage is indispensable to anyone designing a colorful, low-maintenance landscape.

## Planting For Color

**Bulbine** – It forms small clumps to 18 inches tall by 2 to 3 feet across with fleshy bright-green leaves that look good all year around. Its flowers are a tall spike of small yellow blossoms.

**Indigo bush** - This evergreen shrub has an open, rounded growth form to 5 feet tall and wide. Its delicate silver foliage provides a striking contrast to the masses of violet flowers produced in winter and early spring. Indigo bush is quite susceptible to over watering, so plant it in well-drained soil and be careful to not kill it with kindness. The nectar-rich blossoms attract bees and butterflies.

**Black Dalea** - This shrub blooms in late fall with masses of bright purple flowers. It is evergreen and forms a rounded mound of gray-green foliage to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. As with Indigo bush, it needs full sun and is very tolerant of reflected heat. The bees cover this shrub during the bloom season.

**Emu bush** - Blooming on this shrub begins in January and is in full swing by Valentine's Day. The masses of tubular red flowers are truly spectacular. For the rest of the year, this evergreen shrub provides nice deep green foliage and a dense rounded form. Plant in full sun and allow it plenty of room as it can quickly grow to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. It is cold hardy to the mid-20s.

**Angelita Daisy** - This is one of the best perennials to plant for year round color. Although blooming slows down in winter months, it can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden. Its slender bright-green leaves add color as well.

**Santa Rita Prickley Pear** - This is the cactus with the rich purple pads that provide lots of winter color. It has a yellow bloom that appears in late spring.

## Water Efficiently

Plant requirements for moisture diminish as weather cools and day length shortens. Reducing water helps plants go into dormancy, thereby preparing them to resist freezing temperatures, and also lessens the likelihood of root rot from too-wet soil. **Adjust irrigation timers** to run less frequently.

**General Watering Guideline**- Apply the same amount of water to soak through the entire root zone of a plant but not as frequently. In other words, reduce watering frequency, not time of watering. Some specific watering tips:

**Herbs** -- Water established herbs once a week or less depending on the temperature.

**Vegetables** -- Should be watered every three days.

**Desert Adapted Plants (established)** -- Water every 14 to 30 days through December.

## Miscellaneous

**Stop Feeding**—Do not fertilize roses or tropical landscape plants (i.e., bougainvillea, hibiscus), as fertilizer encourages tender new growth that is prone to frost damage.

**Weed Control**—Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter annual weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. **Do Not** use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.

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(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at **602-470-8086**.)

# \*Community Calendar—November 2013\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
					Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  Bridge 1:30p	Pilates 9 a.m.
3  <b>Brush &amp; Bulk Collection Week</b>	4  Yoga 9:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	5  Pilates 9 a.m. Poker 7 p.m.	6  <b>Communications</b> 8:30 a.m.  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	7  Pilates 9 a.m.	8  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  <b>Potluck</b> 6 p.m.	9  Pilates 9 a.m.
10  <b>Ice Cream Social</b> 7 p.m.	11  Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	12  Pilates 9 a.m. <b>B &amp; G</b> 3 p.m. <b>Modifications</b> 3:00 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	13  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	14  Pilates 9 a.m.	15  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	16  Pilates 9 a.m.
17	18  Yoga 9:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	19  Pilates 9 a.m. <b>Budget &amp; Finance</b> 3 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	20  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  <b>Book Club</b> 12 noon	21  Pilates 9 a.m. <b>Hike</b> 9 a.m. <b>Luncheon</b> 12 noon <b>Board Meeting</b> 3 p.m.	22  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	23  Pilates 9 a.m.
24	25  Yoga 9:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	26  Pilates 9 a.m.  Poker 7 p.m.	27  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  <b>Hanukkah Begins</b> <b>@sundown</b>	28  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	29  Water Aerobics 11 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	30  Pilates 9 a.m.

## **\*\*Bellasera Classifieds\*\***

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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**.

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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..

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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**.

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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.

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*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 \*\***

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

## **Board of Directors**

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