

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Green, Green Grass of Home

It's never been greener, not the grass, but the Sonoran Foothills landscape where we live. Not in the last 15 years I've lived here. All due to the 4.64 inches of rain that's fallen this monsoon season here at the Official International House of Newsletters Weather Station. It looks more like a March scene, after the winter rains, than late August. For those away from Bellasera for the summer -- hope it lasts awhile. It's something to see.

—Editor

Community News

- The re-tiling of the clubhouse steam rooms is now complete and both restrooms can be used as usual. However, the steam rooms still require plate covers for outlets and it may be a few days before they can actually be used. Thank you all for your patience during this time of remodeling.
- Terravita will be using our pool, from Monday, September 8 through Thursday, September 11 as they are having some work done on their deck.
- The revised, up-to-date Bellasera Community Directory was e-mailed in July to all homeowners with an e-mail address on file. Homeowners who did not receive the directory may request one via message to **directory@azbellasera.org**. A limited number of printed copies are available upon request in the clubhouse office. The Communications Committee publishes an annual community directory. It's updated periodically, and available on our web site, **directory.azbellasera.org**.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, September 17** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 24** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 9** at **1 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, September 24** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 9** at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 4** at **12 noon.**

Lone Mountain Road Cleanup

The next trash pick-up by Bellasera residents on Lone Mountain Road is planned for **Saturday, September 27** at **8 a.m.** The community has adopted this roadway as a participant in Scottsdale's Adopt-A-Road program. Our portion of Lone Mountain Road is from Scottsdale Road to Hayden Road.

Communications Committee member **Joe McDade** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. All material will be furnished and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

August Weather In Bellasera

(August 1—August 28)

Highest temperature: **106**

Lowest temperature: **65**

Rainfall this month: **3.66 inches**

Rainfall this year: **7.23 inches**

Bellasera weather information is available 24/7/365 on our web site: weather.azbellasera.org.

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 8**, with the next pickup the week of **October 6.**

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 in the Rear View Mirror

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

Bellasera Neighborhood News, September 2004, 10 years ago

- The Board of Directors adopted formal regulations covering homeowner participation at public meetings of the board, in keeping with new state law that now establishes the right of homeowners to talk at board meetings. While the Bellasera board has always accepted comments from homeowners at its public meetings, this participation was a privilege granted by the board. State law, until late August, said that homeowners did not have the right to be heard by the homeowners association boards during public meetings although they were allowed to attend the sessions. Bellasera's regulations, adopted at the August 23 meeting, call for a period for homeowner questions and comments at each public meeting and allow homeowners to join in discussing specific agenda items before the board acts on the item. It does, however, stipulate that questions and comments must be addressed to the chairperson, who can then ask other board members to respond.
- The creative residents of Bellasera are planning their Fall arts and crafts show and sale, which will take place in early November. The first planning session will be Friday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. in the clubhouse.
- Asphalt resealing of many of Bellasera's streets has been scheduled for October 11, 13 and 15. The streets involved are those that were not resealed during last year's project. Details of the new project will be given to homeowners in the near future. As was the case during the earlier resealing project, residents will have to arrange to keep their vehicles off the streets during the resealing.
- The Board established an ad hoc Governance committee to review and suggest revisions to Bellasera's by-laws and CC&Rs. Named to the new committee at the August 23 Board meeting were Carol Sotnick and Ken Willig. The Board is seeking a third committee member. The committee is expected to draft proposed changes to the documents for presentation to the Board. Many of the changes proposed will have to be ratified by homeowner vote.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, September 2009, 5 years ago

- The Board recently approved the purchase and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the clubhouse. The AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layman. Once the installation is complete, additional information and training will be provided.
- Road crews are finishing up the repaving of Scottsdale Road from Dixileta to Dove Valley. The new rubberized asphalt surface promises to reduce the road noise level for residents living and playing near one of Scottsdale main traffic arteries, just west of the Bellasera community.
- Bring your penny jar and good luck for an evening of Texas Hold 'Em, Dueces Wild and other winning hands. No experience necessary. You may start as a beginner, but by evening's end, will have learned a new vocabulary of Poker speak and hopefully accumulated piles of pennies (yours and/or your neighbors). Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB. Remember to bring your food donations for the local food bank that evening. Sign up sheets are posted at the clubhouse.
- If you are interested in a Bellasera logo baseball cap or white t-shirt, both are available for order at the clubhouse bulletin board. These are offered at rock bottom prices to residents. Mens White T-shirts and Ladies Cut White T-shirts - \$10 each & XXL \$12.

September in the Garden

—By Joe McDade



Fall is Around The Corner!

If you spent any time here in August, you undoubtedly had a ringside seat to one of the best **monsoons** we've experienced in years and got a taste of fall as comfortable temperatures accompanied the wet weather. September slowly 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. Additionally, this year, the monsoon rainfall has provided moisture and much needed nutrients for your plants and trees making the ground soft and receptive to fall planting.

Planting: Vegetables –Site Selection and Soil Preparation

In our August newsletter, I included a schedule of what and when to plant for the late summer/early fall **vegetable** planting season. The major keys to success regarding **site selection** and **soil**

preparation are as follows:

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 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!

Planting-Annuals

Before you start, you need to clear out all the old summer annuals to make room for cool-season annuals. It is best to wait until the temperatures are below 100 degrees to assure fast germination and quick growth. Most annuals will tolerate some heat once they are germinated and are actively growing. When deciding what to plant, consider the traditional cool-season annuals that include: lobelia, pansy, petunia, snapdragon, stock, and sweet alyssum.

These species are most often set out as transplants and are available in nurseries throughout the valley. Because they are generally sold in bloom, mix and match the colors to suit your gardens style and color preferences.

Miscellaneous

Roses -Toward the end of August and into September add an iron supplement if roses show yellowing from iron. Trim dead or damaged canes and weak spindly top growth, but remove no more than one-third of the plant. Apply a slow-release fertilizer.

Weeds- Unfortunately, our monsoon will cause weeds to sprout which will compete with garden plants for moisture, nutrients and sunlight. So, please pull them.

Trees - If your mesquites and eucalyptus trees survived the monsoons, it's a great time to prune them. Because they had their spring and summer growth, they'll now hold their prune for more of the calendar year.

Citrus- If you did not do so in August, fertilize with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirement.

Evaluate -After a long, hot summer, take a look at your landscape to decide what works and what doesn't. 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, or Texas olive.

Spray early in the morning before the sun gets too hot.

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

Community Calendar—September 2014

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	Labor Day	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
7 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	8 Chair Yoga 8:00 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	9 Building & Grounds 1 p.m. Modifications 3:00 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	10 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	11 Luncheon 12:30 p.m.	12 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m.	13
14	15 Chair Yoga 8:00 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	16 Poker 7 p.m.	17 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Board Meeting 1 p.m.	18	19 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	20
21	22 Chair Yoga 8:00 a.m. Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23 Poker 7 p.m.	24 Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 1 p.m.	25	26 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	27 Lone Mountain Road Cleanup 8 a.m.
28	29 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	30 Poker 7 p.m.				

****Bellasera Classifieds****

Miss your grand kids? Bellasera residents need backup child care in the event one of our three children (ages 7, 5 and 2) is sick or unable to go to school. Do not anticipate needing assistance more than five times in a school year. Please contact **Beth, 602-828-1176, nillen@cox.net** to discuss. Thank you!

Miss your grand kids? Bellasera residents need help transporting 7 year old daughter from Bellasera Clubhouse bus stop (at 3:40 p.m.) to soccer practice at Cactus/51 (at 4:40 p.m.) two nights a week from mid-August through March. (Parents are able to pick up from practice). Please contact **Beth, 602-828-1176, nillen@cox.net** to discuss. Thank you!

Massage is a potent medicine. There is no question that proper massage can relax tense muscles, and decrease pain. Relaxing therapeutic massage is available in the privacy of your home or at the clubhouse Massage Room. For an appointment or further information contact: Bellasera resident **Jim Birkholz**, Licensed Massage Therapist, **480-244-9567**. Gift Certificates available.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to members of the Bellasera Community. Many of you will be leaving for the summer months. I am now living in this community and feel that I can take the worry out of your absence by checking your home on a regular basis. I started my Home Management Business in 1993 and have been successful in managing "Always There" for 21 years. I take care of homes in many surrounding communities. I also can provide you with a Reference List upon request. Please feel free to call me for a free estimate of my services that I provide. I also offer a complete list of vendors, all of whom have been with me for many years. I am happy to share these vendors with clients or meet your vendors who you have contracted with. I will be more than happy to visit with you regarding your Home Management needs. **Always There, LLC, Sharon Crowley, 480-363-4292, sharon@alwaysthereaz.com**.

For Sale, Grand Piano With CD Player, Conover Cable Piano made by Samick – 2001, 6'1" Grand Piano - Black Satin w/Piano Disc CD Player, 26 CD's included in the price (each CD is worth \$60). Tuned on August 11, 2014. Price: \$5,900, appraised over \$7,000. Call **Julie Ann, 480-229-5131**. Bellasera Resident.

I will take care of having the piano moved to your home! (local move only)

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 Living in Bellasera: We have listed and sold homes in Bellasera for the last 9 years and love doing so. "We have a client who would like to purchase an "OURO floor plan w/Casita with the expanded office and master." If you own an OURO and would consider selling, please give us a call. If you would like to know what floor plan you have or have questions about the market, or would like to upsize or downsize, we would love to help you. Please call or e-mail: **Steve, 602-463-5254, stevewallacehomes@cox.net** or **Joan Wallace, 602-361-8111, joanwallacehomes@cox.net**.

(more Classifieds on next page)

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

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..

Recommended by Bellasera resident **Steve Lewis: Bobbie Friedman**, PT Certified in Dry Needling, Plantar Fasciitis, Headache, Shingles, TMJ, Orthopedics, Post Mastectomy Pain. **480-540-8697, bobbiefriedmanpt@gmail.com**, treatment in your home or my office?

Bellasera resident **Brona Lewis** highly recommends **Sylvia Blaszak, 602-763-2580**, for house cleaning services.

If you've always dreamed of playing the piano call Marcia's Studio in Bellasera. I specialize in teaching absolute beginners as well as advanced students, getting them to play with "that professional sound" quickly. Lots of theory and chord study. My father was a well known piano teacher who wrote books many years ago that are fabulous to get your fingers moving and rhythms getting into your "essence." References supplied. Call **480-595-7738** or contact **marciamuse@cox.net** today!

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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**.

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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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.

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