

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

June 2015

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Eleven Pages

## New Man at the Front Gate



We welcome **Bob Terrio**, the new member of the Bellasera guard gate personnel. **Bob** recently joined Securitas USA, the company that provides our entrance gate security.

He grew up in the Midwest, living in Chicago & Madison, Wisconsin. His early work career was with a Massachusetts police force.

**Bob's** prior employment was serving as Vice President, Global Support for a medical capital equipment company in the early days of LASIK eye care surgery.

**Bob** will be working the day shift, Monday through Thursday, here in our community. He also finds time to volunteer as a deputy for the Maricopa County Sheriff.

He and his wife **Judith** have been married for 43 years and live at Trilogy at Vistancia. His son lives nearby in Anthem, along with 4 grandsons. Another granddaughter lives in the Minneapolis area.

## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, June 25** at **1 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Monday, June 22** at **2 p.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, June 10** at **1 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet again on **Wednesday, July 22** at **8:30 a.m.**

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

## Web Site

The Bellasera web site, [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org), has a wealth of information about our community. You'll find the latest approved minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and various committees.

The community's CC&Rs, Design Guidelines, Forms, et al, are all accessible with a touch or click of the home page buttons.

There's a special page for BCA Members only. The rest of the site is open to anyone — a valuable resource for current and prospective Bellasera homeowners.

A community directory is e-mailed twice yearly to all homeowners. An updated directory is available at [directory.azbellasera.org](http://directory.azbellasera.org).

For current weather conditions outside your door, [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org).

## May Weather In Bellasera

(May 1—May 28)

Highest temperature: **98**

Lowest temperature: **44**

Rainfall this month: **2.36 inches**

Rainfall this year: **6.61 inches**

**Bellasera weather** information is available 24/7/365 on our web site: [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org).

## 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 25th 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, June 1**, with the next pickup the week of **July 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**.



## In Memoriam

Bellasera extends its condolences to two residents who passed away recently.

**Sharon Luse**, 77, died peacefully at home on May 2 after a long episode of Alzheimer's Disease.

She is survived by her husband, **Dee Luse**, three sons, **Steve** of Wheaton, IL, **Brad** of Elburn, IL, **Devin** of El Paso, TX., also nine grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, May 29, in West Chicago, IL.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Sharon Luse Memorial to fight Alzheimers and checks can be made out to the National Christian Foundation, 100 Tri State Int'l Drive, Suite 225, Lincolnshire, IL 60069; or online, [bit.ly/1KKceCZ](http://bit.ly/1KKceCZ).

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Bellasera resident **Robert Salomone** passed away recently due to multiple health problems.

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## New Residents

Welcome to **John & Pat Nielson** who moved into their Bellasera home on Corva Drive in April. They were leasing a home in Terravita for the winter, and are from Michigan. They're here because of family and the ideal winter climate.

The Nielsons have visited family (**Brian & Sherry Dole**) for the last 10 years or so and always admired the Bellasera community. They feel very fortunate to now call Bellasera their winter home.

Now in retirement, in their working lives **John** was an administrator, educator and psychotherapist for Western Michigan University. **Pat** was a home care nurse back in Michigan.

Hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, reading, golf, gardening, cooking, and volunteering are a few of their many interests.

**John & Pat** love the size of the community, the amenities, the quiet atmosphere, the evident pride of ownership, and the access to so many activities around them. Both are social beings who enjoy meeting and getting to know people as well as helping others as needed.

When they are home in Michigan, the Nielsen's enjoy time with their four married children, three grandchildren, and five grand dogs.

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**Mike Jones & Jill Carter-Jones** moved to their Ponte Bella Drive home in Bellasera from Whitefish, Montana. Also making the move: their dog **Ruthie**, a Welsh Corgi, and cat, **Mushka**, a white/grey long hair.

**Mike** works as a project manager in Information Technology, and **Jill** is a real estate broker. They like Bellasera for its amenities (clubhouse) and access to Lone Mountain.

Both love the high Sonoran Desert and all the wildlife in the natural areas in the community. Mike is a runner and Jill does Zumba. They also enjoy hiking together.

## **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, June 2005, 10 years ago**

- A representative group of Bellasera residents attended a presentation and working session with Gary and Jim Pederson on May 16, to better understand the plans for the corner of Lone Mountain & Scottsdale Rd. During the session the Bellasera group provided community specific “wants and needs” as gathered via meetings and survey over the last 6 months. Three priority issues were identified by the group as unacceptable to Bellasera in the Pederson plan: 1. The current L shape design does not meet the spirit of the PCC Zoning guidelines. 2. The current development orientation is not acceptable. At a minimum, the opportunity exists to relocate the "largest box" to the northwest corner of the property maximizing the distance between the development and Bellasera home sites, thus minimizing noise and traffic to homeowners. 3. Current Pederson plans which include a maximum height of 44 feet for Bashas' (Peak) building are not acceptable. The community does not support placement of AC units and other appurtenances on top of buildings and increasing development height to "screen" these appurtenances.
- The Activities Committee is sponsoring a potluck Sunday Brunch on June 26th at 11 a.m. Residents are invited to bring a brunch-type dish, with soft drinks to be provided by the committee. You may contact Shelia Lavin (473-0348) for additional information.
- Does your landscaping have weeds? This year the weeds are out in full force. Your cooperation in removing them now is important. If you have them please be a good neighbor and remove them immediately.
- Wood Carving Anyone? If by chance you missed the opportunity to respond and want to further discuss signing up for the class in October please feel free to contact John Storer expert wood carver he may be reached at 575-1522.
- The Creative Hands Art and Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th...mark your calendars for an exciting and fun day.

### **Bellasera Neighborhood News, June 2010, 5 years ago**

- Lorraine Chapel (80) passed away in her home on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, after a three-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was one of the original residents of Bellasera, relocating here in 1999 from Columbia, Missouri where she lived for many years.
- The Social Committee held a blockbuster planning meeting last month and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events. If you have not had the opportunity to attend an event in the past, we encourage you to attend one. The events are for you - singles, couples, families - and we especially try to create welcoming events which result in one that you are glad you attended.
- As mentioned at the annual meeting, Owners' unpaid dues are excessive. Fortunately, we have very few Owners who are delinquent and our financial health is not impaired. While it is unfortunate that some Owners may be suffering economic distress, it is just not fair to other Owners to carry all the financial burdens of the Association. —Dennis Carson



—By Joe McDade

## June in the Garden

### Summer is in Sight...I Promise!

In last month's column, I observed that the cool temperatures and rain in April was wonderful but we shouldn't be fooled into thinking the hot weather wasn't on its way. I reminded you that May almost always gives us a peek into summer with some hot, dry weather. Our winter visitors (aka Snow Birds) certainly followed the anticipated warmup as most of them fled for their cooler residences. Well, the warmup didn't happen...we experienced another delightful month.

So, here we go again...June is predictably hot and dry with lots of days over 100°F and a few as high as 110°F or more—and often not a drop of moisture. These conditions provide a variety of garden challenges and tasks for you, mostly related to the heat. And, as always, you still have some planting opportunities.

### Summer Tasks

**Mulch-** Add a 3-inch layer of organic mulch (compost, dried leaves, grass clippings, wood chips) to the soil around plants to prevent weeds, maintain moisture, and slightly lower soil temperature. As the mulch decomposes, it adds nutrients to the soil.

#### Roses

- Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer.
- Water deeply as temperatures climb.
- Hose off plants in the early morning to increase humidity and control spider mites.

#### Protect Citrus Trunks

Tree bark on southern and western exposures is highly susceptible to sunburn from April through September. After burning, bark blackens, cracks and peels, allowing easy entry for pests and diseases. The best method to prevent sunburn is to:

- Leave low branches growing on the tree, as their foliage shades the trunk **or**
- Paint the bark with white latex paint specifically formulated for this purpose **or**
- Loosely wrap exposed bark with burlap, cardboard, cloth or newspaper (Remove the wrap at the end of summer).

**Chlorosis-** This is caused by an Iron deficiency which is typified by yellow leaves with contrasting green veins. Apply a chelated iron product to the soil around the root zone, following the package instructions.

**Fertilization-** It is best not to fertilize this month as the tender new growth may burn quickly in the heat of early summer. If you choose to fertilize, do so only once at half strength. Fertilizers, especially inorganic ones, are high in salts that can accumulate quickly in the dry, hot conditions of summer.

### Watering Guidelines

It is imperative that we, once again review **watering guidelines** to effectively maintain your garden through the hot summer. Ineffective water management is the number one cause of death of landscape plants in the Valley, and, believe it or not, it is more frequently from over watering than under watering. You can reduce your water bill and take better care of your plants if you water **slowly** (prevents run off), **deeply** and **infrequently** (let the soil dry between watering).

**How Much** - Ensure that you are deep watering your landscape plants to prevent salt build-up.

Use a soil probe or a long-handled screw-driver to determine how deeply water is penetrating.

*(there's more, next page—)*



A simple guideline is the **1-2-3 Rule**:

**1 foot** deep for small, shallow rooted plants.

**2 feet** deep for shrubs.

**3 feet** deep for trees.

**How Often** – An often asked question and, in addition to the irrigation guidelines below, it is important to take into consideration weather, soil conditions, plant maturity and how well the plant has adapted to the desert. **Remember-** let soil dry between waterings.

**7-21 days** - Desert-adapted trees

**7-14 days** - Non-Desert adapted trees

**7-21 days** - Desert shrubs

**5-7 days** - Non-Desert adapted shrubs

### What to Plant?

June is the low desert's most difficult month for gardens and landscapes. Temperatures shoot into triple digits, while the respite provided to plants by monsoon rains and humidity is a month or two away. It is best to wait until fall to add plants to your landscape. However, you can consider the following:

#### Sunflowers

Sow seeds in a sunny spot where you can enjoy seeing the blooms' cheerful-looking faces during summer. In fall, sunflower seeds attract goldfinches. Some choices: Chocolate Cherry, Autumn Beauty, Evening Sun, Snack Seed, Mammoth Russian, Lemon Queen.

In limited space or containers, try: Dwarf Junior, Dwarf Teddy Bear

#### Herbs

This is a good month to plant herbs as they are widely available in small pots right now and inexpensive (\$3-\$4). You'll find them in grocery stores well as nurseries including: Oregano, Thyme, Mint Parsley, Sage, Basil

You can transplant them to larger pots where they are easily maintained. If you like, set them on the ground and hook them up to your drip system. For Rosemary, I would recommend planting in the ground, long term, as they do very well here in Bellasera.

**Caution** - Do not over-water herbs, especially those native to the Mediterranean area, such as lavender, oregano and rosemary. They are well adapted to dry soil, and their roots will rot if kept overly moist. Water should soak through the entire root zone to a depth of 1 foot with each irrigation. Let the top few inches of soil dry out before applying more water.

#### Warm-Season Vegetables and Herbs

Sow seeds for Armenian Cucumbers, Basil, Black-eyed Peas, Cantaloupe and Okra

### Next Month

I'm going to discuss the Bellasera Plant List which specifies "Approved" and "Prohibited" plants. These are contained in the Bellasera Landscape and Architectural Design Guidelines which can be found at our website:

<http://azbellasera.org>

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

# \*Community Calendar—June 2015\*

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

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

Furniture For Sale: All In Mint Condition! Living Room Couch (Dark Brown Faux Leather w/ Wood Trim), 2 Club Chairs, 3 Piece Wood Bistro Set, 4 Upholstered Counter Stools, Large Swivel Office Chair, Oval Glass Sofa Table, 2 Round Glass End Tables. E-mail inquiry to **JMR220@aol.com** for pictures and prices.

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For Sale: "Vision Fitness" Recumbent Bike with all the "bells & whistles", \$500 — paid \$2,800. Call **480-219-4943** or **303-882-2688**.

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**Steve and Joan Wallace** – Bellasera Resident Realtors: We would love to sell your home! See what **Mike and Maureen** said: *The Wallace's are exceptional realtors and a pleasure to work with. We were impressed with their knowledge of pricing in the area and their marketing, but more importantly they have established a network of area realtors who know and respect them. These realtors know that the Wallace's are extremely knowledgeable on available North Scottsdale homes and do not hesitate to contact them with buyers. We highly recommend Steve and Joan. You won't be disappointed!* Call **Steve: 602-463-5254** or **Joan: 602-361-8111**.

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For Sale: Etched/frosted Glass Table Top – 56" Round – 5/8" thick. \$200. Call **Diane** or **Dave Hathaway, 480-664-2188**.

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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!

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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!

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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.

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See Frank Biondo's Photography — "Impressions of the Southwest and Riding Route 66" at "On The Edge Gallery", 7050 E. 5th Avenue, Scottsdale or check his website: **www.frankbiondo.com**. Frank's art photography embodies the spirit of both a photograph and of a painting. It brings together aspects of impressionism and realism, creating a distinctive work of art.

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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, jcolehomes.com, jay.cole@russlyon.com, 480-433-9153**.

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New double bed frame, also mattress pad, linens and bedspreads in excellent condition. Contact **Sandi, 480-625-3700**.

*(more Classifieds on next page)*

## **\*\*Bellasera Classifieds, continued\*\***

Bellasera resident looking to rent an additional home(s) in Bellasera or surrounding neighborhoods for a family Christmas gathering. Interested in renting for December 2015. Please contact **Carla Mahrt**, [carla@jjmsearch.com](mailto:carla@jjmsearch.com) or **402-203-6324**

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Bellasera residents: if you're in need of someone to do grocery shopping for you, deliver and/or pick up cleaning, run errands in the vicinity, I would be happy to help you. Same day service, \$7 charge for each trip. Call **Kathy**, **480-575-7605**.

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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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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Cactus City Landscape, Yard & Lawn Maintenance-Pavers Installation-Synthetic Lawn Design & Installation-3D Design Rendering available. We have excellent referrals from Bellasera & Terravita Residents. Quality Service and Great rates! Call **Steve**, **480-331-8707** (text or voice), [www.CactusCityLandscape.com](http://www.CactusCityLandscape.com), e-mail: [Steve@CactusCityLandscape.com](mailto:Steve@CactusCityLandscape.com).

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[manager@azbellasera.org](mailto:manager@azbellasera.org)

—Office Hours—  
Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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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## **Committees**

### **Budget & Finance**

\*Marilyn Lillienfeld\*, David Reid, Chuck Roach, Carlton Rooks,  
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### **Buildings & Grounds**

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\*——\* indicates committee chairperson