

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Pool Blooms



The floral blooms of summer near the Bellasera pool are illuminated by dawn's first light.

Residents using the pool from August 28 through September 28 may notice an increase in the pool population. Terravita residents have been invited as our guests during the time their pool is closed for maintenance.

We're returning the favor. Bellasera residents have used the Terravita pool in the past when ours was closed.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, September 24** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 22** at **1 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 23** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 15** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 10** at **12 noon**.

Haul Your Haul to the Landfill

Through the City of Scottsdale's contract with the Salt River Landfill, residential solid waste customers may haul up to 2,000 pounds of trash, brush or bulk items to the landfill once a week. Those wanting to use the service must present the original top portion of a current city utility bill showing residential solid waste collection charges. E-billing customers must contact Utility Billing, **480-312-2400**, or Solid Waste, **480-312-5600**, in advance - a printout of the online statement will not be accepted at the landfill.

Salt River Landfill is located at 13602 E Beeline Highway, Scottsdale AZ 85256.

For more information on this service, visit scottsdaleaz.gov, and search "resident landfill program."

August Weather In Bellasera

(August 1—August 28)

Highest temperature: **111**

Lowest temperature: **70**

Rainfall this month: **0.44 inch**

Rainfall this year: **8.50 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 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, August 31**, with the next pickup the week of **5 October**.

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 sure to 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 2005, 10 years ago

- I am pleased to report that Bellasera is experiencing a smooth transition to our new management company, Associated Asset Management (AAM). While the contract took effect on August 1, the AAM team met with Board members prior to August 1 to prepare a transition plan. One of the points that I want to emphasize is that in fact AAM operates as a team. At one of the transition meetings I attended, I met with Laura Ziff, the CEO; Amanda Shaw, the President; Ercell Sherman, the EVP of Community Management; Kevin DeBolske, the Chief Financial Officer; Patti Smith, our community manager; and several other members of the AAM. We truly have an entire management company supporting us - not one person.
- The results of the Resale Assessment Survey were announced by Keith Christian, the Communication Committee Chairperson. Thirty three percent of those responding were for the proposal; 67% of those responding were against the proposal. Thirty seven per cent of the community responded to the survey. The Board then voted to go no further with the resale assessment proposal.
- I am pleased to report that community response to requests for volunteers has been positive. The Modification committee is at full membership (chaired by Anna Ingram), and the Budget and Finance committee and the Activities committee have additional members. However, the Communication committee and the Activities committee still need additional members. If you are interested in enhancing the community in which you live by volunteering for these openings, you can obtain an application form at the clubhouse office.
- And finally, the last item of community interest is the Pederson development on Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road. The Scottsdale City Planning Commission unanimously approved the site plan for the Pederson development on Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road at its meeting on August 24. The Bellasera Board of Directors unanimously passed the following directive at its Board meeting on August 22.-
- --Carol Sotnick

Bellasera Neighborhood News, September 2010, 5 years ago

- In early July we mailed a letter to all residents giving notice that the Board passed a resolution approving the NewPath proposal to install two antennas in the community. The resolution was subject to nullification if at least 10% of the residents filed an objection. Since we have 360 Lot owners, the proposal would have failed if we received 36 or more objections. Only four residents filed an objection.
- The next step is to enter into a lease with NewPath. The lease has been approved by legal counsel and should be finalized in a few days. The term of the lease is 10 years with two five-year renewals. The annual rent per antenna is \$3,183 with a 3% annual increase. NewPath will be authorized to enter the subdivision once the lease is signed and install the antenna. I anticipate construction will begin in about two to three weeks. More information about NewPath, the antenna, and the installation is available at: <http://www.associatedasset.com/bellasera.php>
- Phase One of the security upgrade project is nearly complete. Cameras have been installed at the front and back gates to record entries. A new community management system has also been implemented. The system is currently in use but operational adjustments will be made over the coming weeks as we gain experience and data from using the system.
- A detailed letter will be mailed to all homeowners in the coming weeks explaining the Quick Pass system. The letter will provide instructions allowing each homeowner to establish an Internet account in the Quick Pass system. That account will permit residents to establish a list of authorized guests and temporary visitors, and to view data every time each guest enters through the gates. If you choose not to establish an account you can continue to contact the guardhouse as per current practice.---Dennis Carson
- The Social Committee is planning a most entertaining Oktoberfest for Saturday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. The details and sign-up sheet will be displayed following our next committee meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 6 p.m. We hope to see you there. Please mark your calendars!
- .A cordial welcome to the following recent new residents of Bellasera: Eugene & Carolyn Hollander, Visao Drive, on May 28; Marilyn Lillienfeld, Brisa Drive, on June 14; Gerald & Lois Olsen, 74th Way, on June 27; Rickey & Christine Williams, on June 28; Glenna Salisbury, Visao Drive, on July 1; Anita & Rod Glide, Visao Drive, on July 26; Kentner & Julie Walker, Ponte Bella Drive, July 30.



September in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

Anticipation and Hope...(For Cooler Weather)

As we say goodbye to a disappointing monsoon season that was accompanied by above average high temperatures, your heat stressed garden will welcome (along with you I'm sure) cooler temperatures that should start arriving during this transition month of September. Of course, September can be a repeat of May, hot and dry, but let's be optimistic.

Heat stress in your garden is normal for this time of year and your plants will start to recover with the cooling nighttime temperatures. While September is a healing or recovery month, it is also the low-desert gardener's **prime planting time**. So, below I'll attempt provide some suggestions and guidance. Also, the plant of the month is the **Ocotillo**.

As promised, I've included the Bellasera **Prohibited Plant Material**.

Fall Planting

General Guidelines

Evaluate Your Garden: After a long, hot summer, take a look at your landscape to decide what works and what doesn't. What do you need to replace? What do you need to add?

Site Selection: This is the key to growing 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.

Timing: Planting is not as hard on the plants if you wait until the night temperature falls in the 70's as it will be less stressful for root systems to establish and plants don't need as much water to survive. However, if you start planting in mid-September, you should still monitor plants for signs of water stress.

Note: Most all of our landscaping in Bellasera was initially put in by landscapers 15 years ago and I'm sure everything was **not** planted in an optimal spot. So, if that's the case, I encourage you to move it! Also, remember, plants do have a lifespan.

What To Plant

Fall Vegetables: In last month's column (August) I included a full *Fall Vegetable Planting Calendar* which can be found at azbellasera.org. Also, the major keys to success are **site selection** and **soil preparation** which I won't cover here but can be found in the September 2014 newsletter which is also archived at azbellasera.org.

Desert-adapted landscape plants- Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials, cacti and succulents can all be planted this month. Just be aware of their potential mature height and width, allowing room to grow without interference or unnecessary pruning to keep them in bounds.

Herbs- You can sow seeds for chives, cilantro, dill and parsley. However, I recommend that, if you are serious about planting herbs, it's much easier to buy a small herb plant which can be easily transplanted into a larger pot. They're readily available at nurseries and grocery stores at a reasonable price and do very well here in Bellasera.

Miscellaneous

Feed Citrus- If you did not do so in August, fertilize with your third and final application of the year, which helps improve fruit size.

Prune Roses- Around mid-month, prepare hybrid roses for their second bloom period. Remove dead or damaged canes, weak, spindly foliage, and any suckers arising from below the bud union (a slight bump at the base of the stem where the variety was grafted to the root stock). Cut back no more than one-third of the plant. Apply a slow-release fertilizer and water to a depth of 2 feet.

Weeds- Pull weeds that sprouted after summer monsoons. Weeds compete with garden plants for moisture, nutrients and sunlight, and also harbor pests such as beet leafhoppers, which transmit curly top virus to tomatoes and other vegetables.

Stop Feeding Grass- If you plan to overseed lawns with ryegrass in October, stop fertilizing warm-season Bermuda lawns four to six weeks prior. If you don't overseed, continue fertilizing monthly. **Note:** I realize we have only a few homes with grass.

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Prohibited Plant Material

Plants on the prohibited list are NOT ACCEPTABLE due to one or more of the following:

1. Aesthetics.
2. Mature height or growth habit.
3. Excessive pollen production.
4. Potential to dominate the desert plant community.

Prohibited List:

1. Any species of tree or shrub whose mature height may be visible above patio walls or from surrounding property unless it is on the Approved Plant List, or has been previously approved by the Modifications Committee.
2. Palms (Palmae) species not listed on Approved Plant List are prohibited under any circumstance.
3. All pines (Pinus), Cypress (Cupessus) False Cypress (Chamaecyparis), Juniper or Cedar (Juniperus).
4. Olive trees (Olea europaea).
5. Oleanders (Nerium Oleander) and Thevetia species.
6. Fountain grass (Pennisetum setaceous).
7. All varieties of citrus with the following exception: True dwarf varieties that will not exceed a mature height of 6 feet may be used if completely screened from view of any other residence, open space, wash or any other adjacent land use behind solid opaque walls.
8. Common Bermuda grass (Cynodon dactylon) in seed or sod form. Hybrid Bermuda varieties are acceptable within residential yards.
9. Mexican Palo-Verde (Parkinsonia aculeate).
10. Desert Broom (Baccharis sarothroides).

These guidelines are part of our CC&Rs and have been given to all residents. If you have any questions consult your homeowner's book, or the Community Manager.

Ocotillo

We are fortunate in Bellasera to have many of these beautiful plants on our home sites and in our washes. They take very little care and produce beautiful flowers after a rainstorm. Some facts are below. A frequent question asked is: How do you know if they are dead or alive...the answer, next month.

Ocotillos (*Fouquieria splendens*) are one of easiest plants to identify in the desert. They are a large shrub with long cane-like unbranched spiny stems that grow from a short trunk. Small two inch leaves will grow from the stems when there is enough moisture. Dense clusters of red tubular flowers grow from the end of the stems from March through June.

Habitat- Ocotillo prefer a habitat that is open and very rocky, and where the soil is well drained. Areas such as rocky slopes, mesas, washes and desert grasslands.

Range- Ocotillo are common in most areas of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts. They are also found in western Texas through to southern California.

Life Span- There is much discussion on exactly how old Ocotillo can live. A good estimate is 60 years although some studies indicate they can live well over 100 years

Size- Ocotillo can reach heights of up to 20 feet.

Miscellaneous

- Called many different names including Candlewood, Slimwood, Coachwhip, Vine Cactus, Flaming Sword and Jacob's Staff.
- Often used as "fencing" because its spines stop people and animals from passing through.

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

Community Calendar—September 2015

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

****Bellasera Classifieds****

Steve and Joan Wallace – Bellasera Resident Realtors for 12 years: We would love to sell your home and help you find a new one! We work with new builder communities and can represent you to get the best options for your new home. Call **Steve: 602-463-5254** or **Joan: 602-361-8111**.

We sold **Ed and Susann's** home – here is what they said:

*In the past three months, the Wallaces have helped us sell and then buy another home. They have been a pleasure to work with, and their professional skills and knowledge of the area have kept us in our favorite location, Bellasera. If you value professionalism and dedication, look no further; you have found **Joan and Steve Wallace!***

Ed and Susann

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.

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.

Bellasera Residents...The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and household goods. All items will be sold in our Marketplace resale store in Cave Creek. Proceeds go to support kids in our local school district. Contributions may be tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Call **Ron, 480-204-7877**, for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

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 **marciamuse8@gmail.com** today!

(more Classifieds on next page)

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

Want To Rent your home this Winter to a responsible family? We have wonderful, responsible friends who would like to rent a home in Bellasera for about 4 months this Winter. They rented here last winter, but the house has sold. They can provide positive referral from past lessor. Looking for 2 or 3 bedroom home. Casita preferred but not required. Please contact igerickson@gmail.com if you are interested, or **Beth, nillen@cox.net**, if you have questions about this ad. Thank you!

All About Cleaning ***Regularly scheduled Home cleaning *** One Time Cleaning ***Move In/Out cleaning, ***After Remodeling Cleaning. We have excellent references from long-time Bellasera Resident customers and surrounding areas. Call **Maria, 480-206-5237** (owner-operator, Bellasera resident for over 10 years). Licensed-Bonded-Insured. www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com, e-mail: Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.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.

All About Cleaning *** Professional Window Cleaning. Inside-Outside-Screens-Tracks. Power Wash (After Monsoon season Must!). Request an over the phone estimate or on-site Free estimate. Call **Maria, 480-206-5237**, www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com, e-mail: Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com.

Pavers, Synthetic Lawn, Rock & Boulders. We specialized on Landscape Design & Remodeling. No Maintenance. We have excellent referrals from Bellasera & Terravita Residents. Quality Service and Great rates! Call **Steve, 480-331-8707** (text or voice), www.CactusCityLandscape.com, email: Steve@CactusCityLandscape.com.

E-mail your ad to editor@azbellasera.org. Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; real estate for sale, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

Your ad will run for 3 months, and may be extended upon request.

Bellasera Community Association

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—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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