

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Eleven Pages

Dear Bellasera Residents,

From the staff at Bellasera, we want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We hope you unfold new horizons, fulfill new wishes, harbor new hopes and rediscover the strength within you to bring in positive changes with the unfolding of the New Year.



(l-r) David & Martha Johnson, Suzanne & Bob Gromko, Myrna & Harold Levin

All enjoyed the festive clubhouse Christmas tree this past season.

We extend a belated *thank you* to those Bellasera volunteers pictured above who decorated same.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, January 21** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 20** at **2 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 13** at **1 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 20** at **8:30 a.m.**

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

New at the Gate

Welcome to **Anthony Botz**, the new man at the guard house, working the weekend evenings shift.

December Weather In Bellasera

(December 1—December 29)

Highest temperature: **77**

Lowest temperature: **29**

Rainfall this month: **0.37 inch**

Rainfall this year: **11.25 inches**

Bellasera weather conditions available 24/7/365: 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 community during the week of **Monday, January 11**, with the next pickup the week of **February 8**.

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**.

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga will resume on **Friday, January 8** at **9:45 a.m.** The time has been changed to coordinate more closely with the Water Aerobics schedule, as some of you may want to participate in both classes as you do on Mondays following the regular yoga class.

Please let me know if you would like to join me for a final class in 2015, on **Thursday, December 31** at **9:45 a.m.** Otherwise, I'll see you on the 8th. Have a Happy and Safe New Year's celebration.

Sandra Rooks, rooks248@gmail.com.

Golf

Bellasera Golf Group plays every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Dove Valley Ranch Golf Club (a 15 minute drive). Men and Women both play. We have 5 tee times on Tuesdays and 2-4 tee times on Thursdays. If you would like to join and you have an USGA handicap, contact **Fred Obser, 480-272-9326, adept417@yahoo.com.**

Our group plays through the end of April and has a annual pizza party in April at our club house.

Bellasera Singles

We have started a Bellasera singles group that goes out to dinner once a month. Our next dinner will be **Tuesday, January 12** at Soul Cafe. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Barbara Wilson, twoxphds@gmail.com.** We could also do things like go to concerts, plays and movies if anyone is interested.

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 5 & 10 years ago. Clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, January 2006, 10 years ago

- Greetings in 2006 Bellasera homeowners! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we are looking forward to the New Year with many great changes. First we will be repainting the interior and replacing the carpeting in the clubhouse. Our goal is to start this project at the end of January 2006 and we will keep you posted through the monthly newsletter and signage at the clubhouse as to when we will need to shut down the clubhouse. We are also moving forward with a new pool company, Arrowhead Chlorination, that will be working closely with the Management Office on ensuring that our pool looks immaculate and stays warm for our early morning swimmers. We would like to commend all of you as during our December inspection we found the street scapes of the neighborhood in pristine condition. We loved the holiday décor and great spirit that resonates throughout the community.—Patti & Sheila
- The Board completed its discussion and approval of Bylaw changes at the Special Board meeting on December 12. All the changes must now be incorporated into the master document, and both our management company and our attorney will review the document. Therefore, it will still be a while before you see these changes and have the opportunity to vote on them.
- Several issues previously raised by homeowners were finalized at the December 12 meeting. First, the pack rat issue raised by Dot and Bob Messinger: The Board determined based on communication from the City of Scottsdale, the Center of Disease Control, and talks with the State Office of Infectious Diseases that the Community Association could not disturb the NAOS and remove the pack rat nest as these rats do not cause hantavirus nor do they carry bubonic plague and are therefore not a public health issue. The Board does appreciate all past and current volunteers and will be acknowledging all volunteers at a brunch on January 15 in the clubhouse at 11 a.m.—Carol Sotnick

Bellasera Neighborhood News, January 2011, 5 years ago

- We continue to have a problem in Bellasera with dog waste left on sidewalks and Lots by some irresponsible residents walking their dogs. We often receive complaints on this subject and recently it was reported to us that some of our residents receive daily, unwanted "gifts" left behind by dogs and their thoughtless owners. One resident last week came into the office and described: "Every day I get out of bed, pull on my clothes and go outside and pick up dog poop from my property." Every Day he does this!
- Cell Phones: Please exercise courtesy as well as your body when using our workout room by speaking softly or stepping out of the room when talking on your cell phone. Your friends and fellow residents will appreciate the exercise of etiquette.
- Steam Rooms: Two different companies have now inspected both the men's and women's steam rooms, and we are happy to report the ugly grout stains are NOT mold. Chemical deposits from our wonderful Arizona water have caused the stains. We are investigating our options on how to clean the grout to remove the stains, and better provide for moisture control. Please keep the doors to the steam rooms open when not in use. Also, please do not leave the steam rooms unattended when not in use.
- Road Repairs: Our road consultant has advised us that there is still one more patch on E. Visao Dr., just inside the back gate, that needs repair. The asphalt has broken and must be removed and replaced. The patch is rather large, so this may require closing one or both of the back gates for an additional day. I will send out an e-mail with more information as soon as it is available.--Dennis Carson
- We have previously reported to you about the proposed commercial development at the northwestern corner of Pima and Dynamite which would include a general store, gas station, hardware store with feed and tack, a garden center, restaurant and bank. On December 27, 2010, the Scottsdale City Council held a hearing on the matter and, after more than three hours of public comment and debate, it was clear the council was headed for a 5-2 vote to reject the text amendment, with only Vice Mayor Suzanne Klapp and Councilwoman Lisa Borowsky favoring approval. Seconds before it was going to be formally voted down by the City Council, the applicant abruptly withdrew the proposal creating confusion and a small amount of disorder. After order was quickly restored, the council elected not to vote on the matter and concluded that the applicant could not reapply for another year.--Joe McDade



January in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

January...“Quiet Time” For Your Garden

Winter arrived in December as our temperatures dropped precipitously and we received some much needed moisture to go along with the chilly nights and mornings. These wintry conditions are the norm for the low desert in January and pave the way for a slow month of gardening. Your primary focus should be on protecting your frost sensitive plants along with some selective pruning, and planting. Take advantage of this “quiet” time by preparing for upcoming spring projects.

I'll cover these topics below with exception of frost protection which was covered extensively in last month's column (December 2015) which can be found in the Newsletter Archives at azbellasera.org.

Pruning

Roses- A fairly severe haircut promotes April's glorious bloom period. In general, remove dead, crossed, or crowded canes and those that grow across the center of the bush, inhibiting air circulation. Specifically:

Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras- Cut back one-third to one-half of the bush, leaving four to eight of the youngest, sturdiest canes for optimal bloom. Remove all of the foliage and the small twiggy growth.

Floribundas and Miniatures- Leave eight to 12 canes and more of the small growth.

Old Garden Roses- Wait to prune until after their spring bloom.

Succulents - As a general rule, if plants have severe cold damage, resist the urge to prune affected stems until the weather warms next month. The only exception is flowering stalks on **aloes**, which can be removed anytime.

Deciduous Fruit Trees –Cut out all dead, diseased, or broken wood, any crossing branches, and waterspouts.

Do not prune any frost sensitive evergreens or leguminous trees like mesquite, ironwood, acacias or palo verdes this month.

Planting

Bare-Root Roses

I touched on this topic in December and thought I should expand this month as the local garden centers should be flush with a wide selection. First, a reminder that:

Roses are arguably the oldest garden plants in the world. Cultivated in China and parts of Europe for centuries, these extraordinary plants hold a special place in the hearts of gardeners everywhere.

For large flowers on sturdy stems, choose hybrid tea roses such as:

- *Change of Heart* (pink blooms with a spicy scent)
- *Voluptous* (deep pink with sweet scent)
- *Elle* (shell pink and yellow blooms with a spicy citrus scent)

For large clusters of smaller flowers, consider these new floribunda types:

- *Fragrant Wave* (white and spicy)
- *Tuscan Sun* (apricot orange with light spicy scent)

Purchasing tips:

- Bargain prices often mean inferior plants.
- A healthy plant should have large, healthy canes with no leaves but visible buds and strong anchor roots with at least some secondary and feeder roots.
- Never buy roses that have been dipped in wax.
- Keep them cool, moist (or soaking in water) and in the shade until you are ready to plant.

(there's more....on the next page)



Planting tips:

- Plant within a week after purchase.
- They should do well in a 2-foot by 2-foot hole that is well amended with organic matter.

Cool-Season Herbs- Transplant borage, cilantro, dill, parsley and thyme.

Vegetables - Plant bare root asparagus and strawberries.

-Plant cabbage, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, and radishes.

Miscellaneous

Feed Citrus- Fertilize citrus in January or February with one-third of a tree's annual nitrogen requirements. Remaining feedings take place in April/May and August/September

Feed Annuals-Yellowing seen on older leaves (at the base of the plant or stem) may indicate nitrogen deficiency in flowers and vegetables. Apply nitrogen fertilizer according to the package instructions. Continue to incorporate compost in gardens to improve soil fertility over time.

Winter Watering- Schedules should be adjusted to about 1/3 of the summer frequency for deciduous and dormant plants, but water deeply each time. Winter lawns and growing flowers may require once to twice per week watering depending on the weather.

Spring Projects- Our growing season starts next month and you should start by preparing and planning for your upcoming planting projects.

Red-Blooming Plants for the Desert-The holiday season is over but if you like to add some red-blooming plants to your garden, consider the following in your spring planting:

- Dallas Red Lantana
- Sierra Red Firecracker Bush
- Arizona Red Shades Blanket Flower
- Hummingbird Trumpet

Things to Observe

Mesquites- Will begin to drop their leaves. This is normal at this time of year as foliage is shed in response to cold temperatures.

Succulents- Due to the cold weather you may notice a deepening red to purple coloring on your Santa-Rita Prickly-Pear, Cane Cholla, Black-Spined Prickly-Pear, Plains Prickly-Pear, Staghorn Cholla as well as some agaves, aloes, and other succulents. Several cultivars of Pencil Tree stems transform to an attractive orange-red in response to a cold winter.

Plant of the Month-Desert Marigold

The desert marigold can be found throughout Bellasera and is characterized by individual yellow florets arranged in dense heads making the floret group look like one single flower. The leaves are green with silver-white hairs, lobed, and grow very low on thick stems.

It is essentially a wild flower and can be found throughout the Sonoran desert. I doubt if anyone has ever planted one in Bellasera as they were here before we ever showed up. We all have them in our gardens and landscapers tend to remove them but new ones will always reappear as they easily propagate by seed.

It is an undemanding perennial (lives more than two growing seasons) of rugged character that is moderately frost hardy and drought tolerant. They will always have a presence in Bellasera!

Next Month- I'm going to do my best to explain mistletoe.

Happy New Year!

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

Community Calendar—January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3	4 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	5 Poker 7 p.m.	6 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	7	8 New Years Day	9
10 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	11 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	12 Modifications 12 noon Poker 7 p.m.	13 Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Building & Grounds 1 p.m.	14 Ladies Luncheon 12 noon	15 Chair Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	16 Hike 8 a.m.
17	18 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Martin Luther King Day	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Budget & Finance 2 p.m.	21 Board Meeting 1 p.m.	22 Chair Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	23
24/31	25 Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	26 Poker 7 p.m.	27 Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	28	29 Chair Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	30

****Bellasera Classifieds****

From a Classifieds User: **"We sold our furniture the first day, so please take our ad off the classified list. These ads really work!"**

For Rent: Bellasera Home available December through May. Corner lot close to clubhouse "Prata with expanded great room" Completely remodeled 3 bed, 3 bath with casita. Backyard pool with wicker sofas and chairs for extended outdoor relaxation. Prefer longest term. Call **Karen, 206-605-1250**, for more information.

Steve and Joan Wallace – Realtors for Bellasera.

*Joan Wallace was recommended to us through friends who realized the importance of working with a realtor who could navigate an out-of-state buyer's transaction. Right from our first contact, by phone, we knew **Joan** was the right choice. She listened carefully to understand our real estate goals and worked hard to provide excellent service and positive results. Our transaction was not without challenges but **Joan** handled every challenge with professionalism. She is knowledgeable, patient, easy to talk to and was genuinely interested in helping us find the right home. **Joan** did extensive comps and research and gave us an educated opinion on each home we were interested in viewing. We cannot say enough about how positive our experience was with Joan. The most outstanding thing about **Joan** is that she is very flexible and really went above and beyond to serve us throughout the entire process. We recommend you work with **Joan**. You won't be disappointed. —**Keith and Maribell W.**, Hutchinson, Kansas*

Give us a call to help you sell or buy a home. **Steve Wallace, 602-463-5254** and **Joan Wallace, 602-361-8111**.

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@cox.net** today!

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

Car for Sale – 2006 Silver Infiniti M45 Sport. Canadian car. Original owner. Vehicle is fully registered and plated in Arizona. Regular service at Infiniti Scottsdale. Has 138,000 kilometers (approx.. 86,000 miles). Fully loaded with all options including Bluetooth and Navigation. In excellent condition. Same cars are priced in US at \$15 to \$16K. Asking \$12,900.00. Contact **John Kushar**, jkushar@sympatico.ca.

Urgently Needed - Your used packing material - don't throw it away! I could use styrofoam peanuts/popcorn, bubble wrap, packing paper and small boxes. Please call **Janet Biondo**, **480-488-0259**, and I will pick them up. Thanks.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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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