

# BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# Clubhouse Corner

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## New Website

In the next few weeks, Bellasera will be launching its NEW Website and although some things have changed, we think it is very easy to use. You will find all of the same information you are used to plus a whole lot more. You will be able to join clubs and receive emails from the groups that interest you. You will not be bothered by information in which you have no interest.

There will be a page describing all of the amenities Bellasera offers. You will be able to link to Quick Pass, sign-up for pickleball/tennis courts, and pay your association dues online. In addition, you can sign up for events and you will receive a confirmation email and a reminder email before the actual event. The event host will receive a list with all homeowners who registered. The access to the new website will be the same as before - **azbellasera.org**

Watch for the new website. We will send out an email once the new site is launched. If you need help, the Communication Committee will offer a training class held in the Clubhouse on **August 12 at 1:00 PM.**

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## Updated Directory

Over the past few months, the Communication Committee, along with assistance from others, has been updating the Bellasera directory. Make sure to click on the Resource tab on the new website and check to make sure your information is correct. Everyone can have their own phone number and email listed in the directory. If there are edits or you prefer not to have your information printed, please email **editor@azbellasera.org**

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**azbellasera.org**

# Bellasera Community Events

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## Board and Committee meeting dates - listed alphabetically

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Wednesday, July 19** and **Thursday, August 24**. Both meetings begin at **1:00 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 25** and **Tuesday, August 23**. Both meetings begin at **1:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 11** and **Tuesday, August 22**. Both meetings begin at **10:00 a.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, July 12** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 11** if there are applications to consider. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **July 6 at 12 noon**.

**Social Committee** will meet on **Friday, August 18** at **2:30 p.m.**

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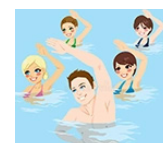
**Book Club:** Our members are looking forward to a summer of pleasurable reading so we will pick our own books and share them with the group in October.

**Yoga:** Bellasera yoga instructor **Joy** continues to offer Zoom classes, in addition to the clubhouse sessions Monday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m. You may contact her via e-mail, [joy.blonstein@gmail.com](mailto:joy.blonstein@gmail.com).



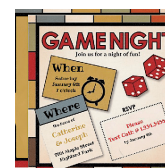
**Wine and Cheese Event:** Due to summer vacations and such, we will not be having a Wine and Cheese Event in either July or August. Hope to see you all again in September. If anyone is interesting in hosting this event in September, please contact **Tom** or **Dianna Saari**, [tksaari@aol.com](mailto:tksaari@aol.com) or [disaari@aol.com](mailto:disaari@aol.com).

**Water Aerobics** will be discontinued for the summer, and will resume in the Fall.



**Morning Social Hour at the Club House - Tuesday July 18 at 10am**, *Bring a neighbor to the clubhouse and enjoy a beverage and breakfast treat.*

**Game Night at the Club House. Wednesday, August 9 at 7pm.**



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# July 2023 Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> Pickleball - 8:00 am
<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> Yoga - 8:30 am		<sup>5</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am Mahjong - 9:00 am	<sup>6</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am Yoga - 8:30 am	<sup>7</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am	<sup>8</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am
<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup> Yoga - 8:30 am	<sup>11</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am Building & Grounds - 10:00 am Modification - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	<sup>12</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am Communications - 8:30 am Mahjong - 9:00 am	<sup>13</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am Yoga - 8:30 am	<sup>14</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am	<sup>15</sup> Pickleball - 7:00 am
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# August 2023 Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## Weather and General Information

### June Weather in Bellasera

(June 1 - June 30)

Highest Temperature: **110 degrees**

Lowest Temperature: **62 degrees**

Rainfall: **.05 inches**

Rainfall this year: **1.51 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org)

**Bellasera Weather at a Touch:** A free app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android phone. Provides instant Bellasera weather information at a touch. This app is available in the Apple App Store or Google play. In the App Store or Google play, search for “PWS Monitor” (no quotation marks). Install the free app.

Touch the gear icon at the lower left of your display.

The Settings screen will appear. Touch “Enter A Known Station ID”

Enter “KAZSCOTT79”

Touch OK.

That’s it. More information, if required, is available by e-mail, [editor@azbellasera.org](mailto:editor@azbellasera.org)

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### Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, 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 **23th** of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Paul Rippens - 480-912-7999**.

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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, July 31 - August 4** and **August 28 - September 1**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, October 2**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** It will be removed during the week. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.



**Web Site Search:** Bellasera’s web site, [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org), has a wealth of information about our community. It’s easy to search for whatever you’re looking for by doing a Google (or equivalent) search as follows. To find everything on the site about the word “rain”, enter the following: [azbellasera.org:rain](http://azbellasera.org:rain). After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

## Bellasera Community Events - continued

**Hang out** with your Summer Neighbors at the Pool on **Thursday, August 10 at 7pm.**



**Morning Social Hour at the Club House - Tuesday, August 15 at 10am, Bring a neighbor to the clubhouse and enjoy a beverage and breakfast treat.**



**September:** Learn how to play Mahjong and Canasta at the Club house.

### Summer Hours

7:00 - 9:00am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

7:00 – 8:30am Friday

7:00 – 9:00am Tuesday and Thursday

7:30 – 9:00am Wednesday

Drop in mixed intermediate

Drop in social pickleball

Drop in Novice group

Drop in Women's Intermediate

Contact: **Dan Martin** - 480-734-0387 - danielrichardmartin@yahoo.com or **Jane Kiefhaber** - 224-388-8916 - Janekief@outlook.com

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## Bellasera Policies

### Leasing:

Dwelling units may be leased only in their entirety. No fraction or portion may be leased. No structure on a Lot other than the primary residential dwelling unit shall be leased or otherwise occupied for residential purposes. There shall be no subleasing or assignment of leases without prior written consent of the Board of Directors. No transient tenants will be permitted, and all leases shall be for an initial term of no less than 30 days. Notice of any lease shall be provided to the Board by the Homeowner within 10 days of execution of the lease. The Homeowner must make available to the lessee copies of the CC&Rs, Bylaws and Use Restrictions. A LEASE CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED BY THE HOMEOWNER AND RETURNED TO THE ASSOCIATION PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEASE.

### Trash:

Trash and recycling containers may not be stored in the front area of any home and shall be placed in the pick up area no earlier than 5:00PM the day prior to pick up and removed no later than 11:59PM the day of pick up. Bulk trash shall be placed in the trash pickup area no earlier than three days prior to the designated beginning day of the week specified for bulk pickup by the City of Scottsdale. Bulk trash pickup dates are published in the monthly newsletter. See [scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste](http://scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste) for more information, including monthly bulk trash pickup and special hazardous waste pickup scheduling.



# Social Events Committee

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## Survey Results

Thank you to all of the homeowners that completed the June 2023 Bellasera Survey. We had an outstanding response and the social committee would like to share the highlights with you. Additional details can be found in the new website which will be available soon.

We learned that 90% of the homeowners that responded prefer to receive their communications through email.

There was an overwhelming response to the following. Please mark your calendars. We are in the process of creating committees to host the following events:

<b>October 15, 2023</b>	<b>25th Anniversary Party</b>
<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>New Year's Day Brunch</b>
<b>February 11, 2024</b>	<b>Superbowl Party</b>
<b>May 4, 2024</b>	<b>Cinco De Mayo Party</b>

Watch for the new website for more information on these activities. Contact [social@azbellasera.org](mailto:social@azbellasera.org) if you would like to lead a group.

We also learned that a number of homeowners would like to learn how to play Mahjong and Canasta. Classes will be starting in September and offered again later in the year. Check out the new website for more information.

We are also in the process of finding speakers. If you are interested or know of someone that would like to present, please send information to [social@azbellasara.org](mailto:social@azbellasara.org).

We received a number of suggestions regarding activities on the lawn area/pool

- outside music and movies on the wall
- outdoor patio games
- food trucks

We are in the process of looking into all of these things. If you are interested in helping out, please send a message to [social@azbellasara.org](mailto:social@azbellasara.org).

You will be able to find more information on the following groups in the new website.

- Wine & Cheese
- Book Club
- Hiking Club
- Water Aerobics
- Lunches
- Movie Group
- Game Nights
- Pickleball Club.



We also have a number of individuals looking into community services such as blood drives and charitable causes to collect/donate to an organization(s)

Many homeowners are looking for events in the evening and on weekends. We are in the process of accommodating this. We also want to welcome the whole community to all of our events. Please let us know if you are interested in helping plan an event, we welcome your support.

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*Save the Date*

**BELLASERA'S  
25<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15,  
2023  
3-6 P.M.  
IN THE CLUBHOUSE**



# July & August in the Garden

by Joe McDade

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## Summer Has Arrived..... Help Your Garden Cope

May and June have been kind to your garden as it wasn't until the end of June that our temperatures started to climb over the 100° mark. With the Summer Solstice behind us, get ready to experience changes in our environment. Along with the predictable rise in temperatures, you can't help but notice the healthy growth our vegetation has undergone, especially native trees, which is a direct result of our wonderful winter rainfall.



### Your Garden Will Slow Down

Your garden has now started to go through a metamorphosis that is not visible. It is entering a slowdown period when gardening comes to a standstill, starting in July and continuing into August. It's just not a good time to do any serious planting. The rise in temperature will continue in July and into August accompanied by, hopefully, the arrival of the monsoon which will bring welcome relief.

### Summer Tasks

In the meantime, there are three major tasks that you need to concentrate on during these months: (1) **Pruning**- especially native trees. (2) **Watering** and (3) **Preventing Heat Stress**. Remember, **planting should be avoided** during these two months

### Pruning Native Trees

Summer is the recommended time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. Things to consider before undertaking this task:

- Good pruning is both an art and a science.
- The result should be a safe, healthy and beautiful tree that complements its natural growth.
- If you prune your trees yourself, become familiar with proper pruning principals and techniques. There is a lot of literature available, especially the internet.
- If you hire someone to prune your trees, be sure they understand proper pruning principals and techniques.
- Remove no more than one-quarter of a tree's branches in a year. Cutting off too much foliage "starves" the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize and can leave it susceptible to disease.
- It's advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength and trunk girth. Keep in mind that the longer you wait to prune your mesquites, the higher the risk of wind damage during the monsoon.

### Watering

Last month I discussed **How Much and How Often** in some detail. I'd like to add to that with some specific tips:

### Landscape Plants

- Increase water application as the weather warms. Pay attention to irrigation needs of plants.
- Apply mulch to the ground around the base of heat sensitive plants to keep the roots cooler and prevent evaporation. Keep the mulch several inches away from the trunk.

### 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.
- Toward the end of August and into September, add an iron supplement if roses show yellowing from iron deficiency.

### ***Succulents***

Succulents are normally drought resistant. However, we're at that point in the summer where they too will succumb, especially to the high nighttime temperatures. When the night temperatures stay at 90° or above and the humidity is high, most succulent plants can't breathe. After several nights in a row, chances are many of them will rot. Other than careful watering, there is nothing that can be done. \*\*Remember, many plant families make up the succulent species, the best known being cactus. Virtually all cacti (or cactuses) are succulents, but many succulents are not cactus\*\*.



### ***Annual Flowers***

Growing annual flowers in containers is relatively simple in fall, winter and early spring, while summer can be another matter entirely as soil temperatures heat up to triple digits, and roots will "cook" without adequate moisture. Containers in full sun often require daily watering which results in nutrients being leached out of the soil. It is a challenge!

### ***Citrus***

Our hot weather will easily stress your citrus trees for water which results in fruit rinds becoming tough. Later in fall, rinds will crack and split because they are unable to expand as the fruit increases in size. Water mature trees every 10 to 14 days to a depth of 3 feet. Newly planted trees need water every 5 to 7 days to a depth of about 2 feet (or through the entire root ball). Note\*\*\*\*Citrus will let you know when they are stressed as they will literally look like they are begging for water. When that happens, consider soaking with a soaker hose.

### ***Trees***

Currently, your native trees are in good shape thanks to our abundant winter rain. If our monsoon is a bust, keep an eye on them and, if need be, consider soaking them.

### **Heat Stress...Understand It, Recognize It And Deal With It!**

**Heat Stress** occurs in your garden when temperatures reach above 110 degrees in a four day span which happened multiple times last summer and has already occurred in June.

1. You need to increase the frequency of watering when temperatures are consistently above 110 degrees. Water **deeply and infrequently** as we often water them too often and too shallow for it to do much good. Deep watering is the proper method for irrigating plants because it encourages deep root growth where the soil is cooler and stays moister for longer. During the heatwave, water deeply every four days. On average, 2 hours is the length of time to irrigate to the desired depth.
2. Shrubs should be watered to a depth of 2 feet and perennials and groundcovers to 18 inches.
3. Don't fertilize. Feeding plants simply makes them work harder to produce new growth when all they are trying to do is deal with the heat.
4. Don't prune away heat-damaged growth until September and the weather is more normal. Those ugly leaves are protecting the interior of the plant.

**Happy 4th of July.....See You In September! Think Football!**

**(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Plant Hotline at [maricopacountyplanthotline@gmail.com](mailto:maricopacountyplanthotline@gmail.com))**

# Bellasera Classifieds

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 **480-488-8400**, for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

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“A quick way to update your home is with new window coverings. I offer Hunter Douglas products, custom wood shutters, custom draperies and outdoor shades. Because you are my Bellasera neighbor, I’m offering a 25% discount on my already low prices. Let me know if I can assist you with updating your home. **Mike Alldredge - Array Shutters and Blinds - 602-622-7575**

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I love living in Bellasera! The market is still on fire. We are seeing record prices per square foot in Bellasera with very favorable terms for sellers. Does your house need some work prior to sale? We have a program called REALVITALIZE. If you are interested in selling or just want an idea of what your home is worth, please contact me. **Audrey Fischer, Realtor – Coldwell Banker Realty, 480-740-4223, audrey.fischer@azmoves.com.**

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Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services exclusively serving Bellasera residents. Desert Dwellers is owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents **Jennifer Brummet** and **Ross Strozewski**. We are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring while away from their desert dwelling. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** or e-mail, **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

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The market is beginning to shift again, and the good news is that Bellasera and our surrounding 85266 area is balanced and holding steady. If you are considering selling, now might be a good time. Contact me for a free market assessment: **Sandy Simmons, Realtor – Berkshire Hathaway, 310-405-1403** or **sandy.simmons@bhhsaz.com**. I also specialize in 1031 exchanges and can customize a tax friendly 1031 Exchange tailored to your specific needs.

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Arizona Real Estate - it’s all the buzz.. I know you’ve heard the market has shifted, however it’s not dead. My quarterly market updates created specifically for Bellasera show that our community is still in demand. As we head into our high season, if you have pondered the thought about selling, now would be a great time. Contact me today for a free market assessment: **Regina Alvarez, Realtor: My Home Group 480-334-1750** or **regina@craigbennettgroup.com**

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