

BELLASERA

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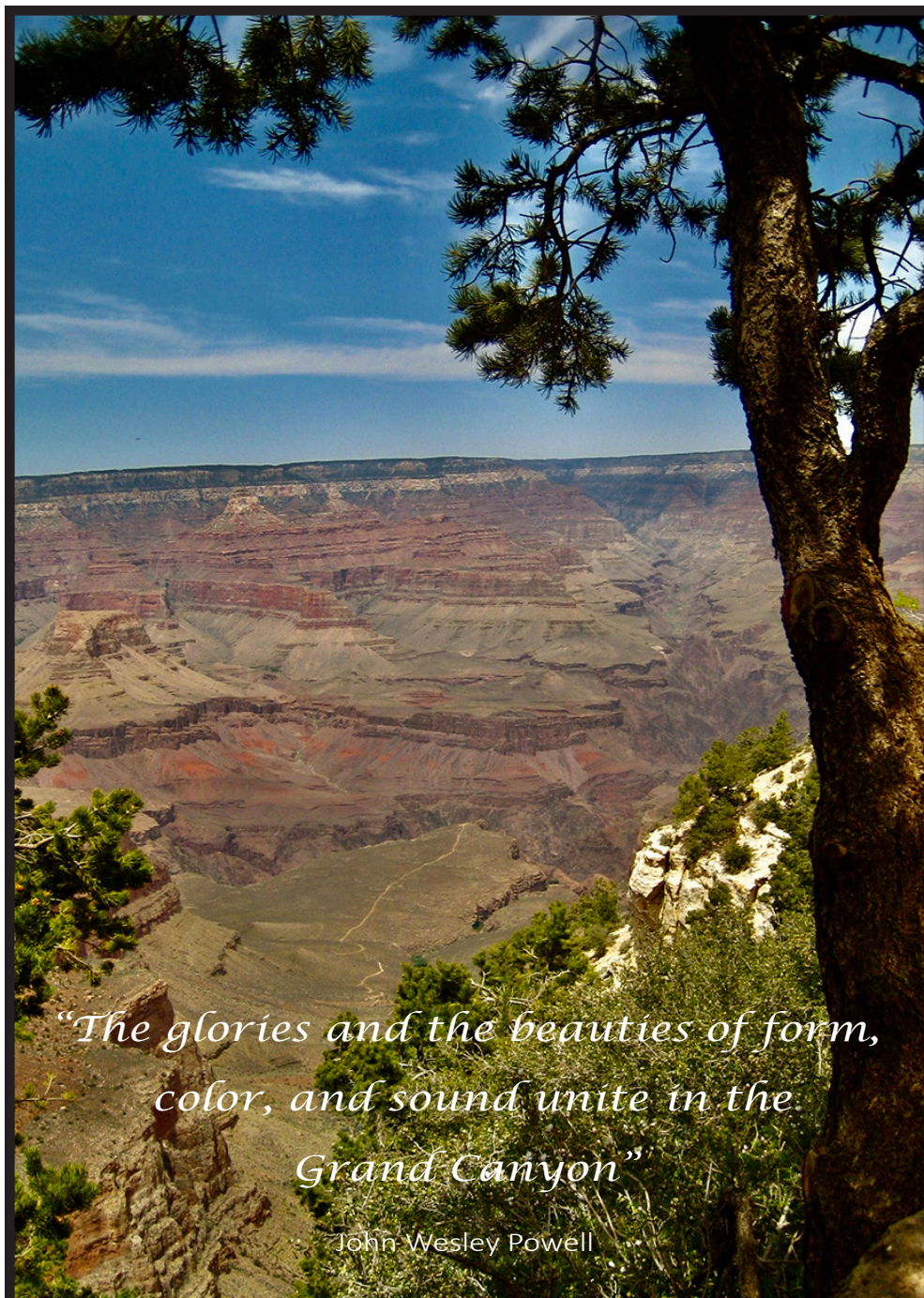
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*“The glories and the beauties of form,
color, and sound unite in the
Grand Canyon”*

John Wesley Powell

June - 2022

Clubhouse Corner



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Dog Park Legacy

Bellasera Dog Park users may note the facility is named after **Dan Bradley**. Here's the rest of the story.

When the decision was made to convert a tennis court into a park for dogs, an Ad Hoc committee was formed. **Dan** was an influential member of that committee. In fact, he was the driving force behind the many iterations the committee considered during its design and construction. His passion and perseverance gave the community a truly wonderful meeting place for people and pets. When he passed away in August 2016, the decision was made to honor his memory by naming it the **Bradley Park**. It was formally dedicated on January 14, 2017, with many of **Dan's** extended family present.



Bellasera Community Events

Board Meeting will be on **Thursday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee next meeting date/time **TBA**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Monday, June 13 at 10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 14 at 8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 14 at 12:30 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, June 9 at 12 noon.**

Water aerobics: Due to a variety of reasons and the Bellasera Pool closing, water aerobics will be cancelled for the month of June. We will begin again in July.

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

Investing in Scottsdale: Ashler Hills Park. The City of Scottsdale is adding a new neighborhood park at Ashler Hills Drive and 74th Way, funded through 2019 voter-approved bonds. Amenities at the 17-acre park include an open turf play area, shaded playground, restrooms, lighted pickleball and basketball courts, walking paths and trails, and lighted parking. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and take about a year to complete. Learn more and view a video. <https://tinyurl.com/236wdyvr>

Favorite Summer Wine: We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to join us at our June Wine and Cheese event on **Friday, June 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Bring a bottle of your favorite wine that is your summer go to. Please also bring a favorite cheese, appetizer or dessert to share. The June gathering will be hosted by **Steve and Linda McVey** at **7709 E Balao Drive**. Please contact **Linda, 480-227-5998, mcveylinda@gmail.com**, to let us know if you can attend or have any questions. You can also sign up on the sheet inside the front door at the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing everyone. It's time for summer fun!

We are looking for future hosts of the Wine and Cheese. We won't be holding the wine and cheese for July or August, but we always need hosts for the fall to host in your own home or at the clubhouse. Please let us know if you are interested, so we can continue to hold this very social event on a regular basis.

High Fire Danger: You may have noticed that the desert vegetation in our NAOS area is extremely dry. This is, of course, because we have not had any rainfall since March when we received only .51 inches of precipitation and only 1.46 inches of rain since January 1. Although the weather forecasters are calling for a wet monsoon for southern Arizona, that usually does not happen until between June 15th through September 30th. Meanwhile, please be careful with any activity in the NAOS area and any work by your landscaper within any open space.

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.

Weather and General Information

May Weather in Bellasera

(May 1 - May 31)

Highest Temperature: **103** degrees

Lowest temperature: **47** degrees

Rainfall: **0.00** inch

Rainfall this year: **1.46** inches

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: weather.azbellasera.org

Bellasera Weather at a Touch: A free app for your iPhone, iPad only. 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

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, 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 community during the week of **Monday, June 27 - July 1**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, August 1**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by **5 a.m.** at the start of the week and not before the previous Friday. It will be removed during the week. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

Web Site Search

Bellasera’s web site, 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 After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

JUNE 2022

Bellasera Community Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | | 31 | 1 | 2 Yoga - 8:30 am | 3 | 4 |
| Clubhouse/Pool Closed | | | | | | |
| 5 Clubhouse. Pool Closed | 6 Yoga - 8:30 am | 7 Poker - 7:00 pm | 8 | 9 Yoga - 8:30 am | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Yoga - 8:30 am Building & Grounds - 10:00 am | 14 Poker - 7:00 pm Modifications committee - 12:30 pm FLAG DAY  | 15 | 16 Yoga - 8:30 am | 17 Wine & Cheese - 5 - 7 pm | 18 |
| 19 <i>Fathers Day</i> | 20 Yoga - 8:30 am | 21 Poker - 7:00 pm | 22 | 23 Yoga - 8:30 am Board Meeting - 1:00 pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Yoga - 8:30 am | 28 Poker - 7:00 pm | 29 | 30 Yoga - 8:30 am | | |
| Brush & Bulk Removal | | | | | | |
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Natural Area Open Space

You may have heard the terms “green space” or “open space” in other parts of the country, but if you’re new to the Scottsdale/Phoenix metro area, you definitely need to know the term Natural Area Open Space (NAOS). As we welcome many new residents moving to our desert paradise, it’s come to our attention that it’s time for a community update, and not just for valued new residents but for our longtime residents as well. We are currently working to become a designated Firewise Community and it’s important that our residents are savvy regarding our cherished open space.

Natural Area Open Space, (NAOS) -what it is and how it works.

Our Sonoran Desert is biologically unique and draws people from all over the world, some of whom become enamored of its beauty, decide to pack their bags and make it their home. The city of Scottsdale and City of Phoenix have a strong and enduring interest in preserving the unique characteristics of our desert, foremost of which includes protecting the native vegetation, wildlife habitats, undulating arroyos, picturesque geology featuring beautiful boulder outcroppings, and preserving scenic corridors.

To keep it simple, a Natural Area Open Space is land that’s owned either by an individual, or by a subdivision or HOA such as Bellasera, that’s been designated as an NAOS easement by the City of Scottsdale/Phoenix. This restricts what can be done within its boundaries because it is intended to be areas of continuous natural desert. In addition to being visually appealing, native desert plants thrive in these NAOS areas and provide a multitude of homes for large variety of wildlife. Some of these plants and animals are critically endangered, and these areas serve a long-term goal of preservation. (City of Scottsdale, Planning and Development Services, “A Guide To Natural Area Open Space, May 2017)

Maintenance and cleanup of an NAOS is limited to the removal of arroyo obstructions, man-made debris such as dumped garbage, invasive plants including desert broom, and parasitic plants like excessive Mistletoe if it affects the health of a native plant. That said, dead plants such as saguaros and native trees, are considered as wildlife habitats and must be left in place. The only exception is to have them officially determined to pose a health and fire safety concern.

Both the City of Scottsdale and the City of Phoenix are sensitive to the fact that desert vegetation can be a potential fuel for fire, thus homeowners are encouraged to maintain a “Defensible Space” around their home. This allows owners to maintain a 5-foot to 20-foot zone, measured out from the rear and side yard fences around their home. Live vegetation may be trimmed 15-feet from a home or 5-feet from the rear or side yard wall, whereas dead vegetation may be trimmed 15-feet from a home or 15-feet from a rear or side yard side wall. In Bellasera, the landscape contractor is required to clear a 5-foot space behind the view fences and side walls twice a year. The Board has asked homeowners to clear an additional 15-feet by removing dead, dying and invasive plants to reduce the available fuel for wildfires. This area acts as a Defensible Space or fuel break and prevents a continuous path of flammable materials leading to homes. (City of Scottsdale, Fire Department, “Wildland and Natural Open Space Area”, 2019)

More information on NAOS rules and regulations along with a list of protected native plants can be found at the following links:

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Assets/ScottsdaleAZ/Building/Guide-NAOS.pdf>

<https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Assets/ScottsdaleAZ/Fire/wildland-fire-brochure-2019.pdf>

https://www.phoenix.gov/pddsite/Documents/PZ/pdd_pz_pdf_00001.pdf

Bellasera Rules Reminders

All vehicles must be parked in garages or driveways and not on the street, except temporarily. Disabled or unlicensed vehicles must be parked in an enclosed garage. One boat or recreational vehicle may be parked in a driveway for a limited period of time, in the Board's sole discretion, to outfit or unload such vehicle. This paragraph shall not apply to emergency vehicle repairs. Vehicles required at a resident's home as a condition of employment are allowed as set forth on page 40 of the CC&Rs. Overnight parking of vehicles in the clubhouse parking lot will be allowed for no more than 72 hours and only with prior written permission from the On-site Assistant or the front gate attendant. Violators will be fined \$50 per day and/or towed. Occupying a parked vehicle as a residence is prohibited.

The dumpster located in the clubhouse parking lot is reserved for Bellasera Clubhouse use only, shall bear a sign to that effect and the gate shall remain locked. Residents encountering a hardship situation may sign out and receive a key from the guard house for short-term use. The trash cans located outside the clubhouse shall not be used for household garbage.

Business or trade activities within a residence is restricted to activities in which a) the activity is not apparent by sight, sound or smell outside of the residence; b) the activity conforms to all zoning requirements; c) the activity does not involve regular visitation of the residence by clients, customers or other business invitees; and d) the activity is consistent with the residential character of Bellasera and does not constitute a nuisance, hazardous or offensive use, or threaten security or safety of other residents.

Residents may keep a reasonable number of common household pets only, however, pets which make objectionable noise, endanger the health or safety of, or constitute a nuisance to others or roam free, unleashed will be considered in violation of the CC&Rs. Pet owners are required to remove and properly dispose of pet excrement within the community.

(source:Bellasera Community Guidelines, azbellasera.org)

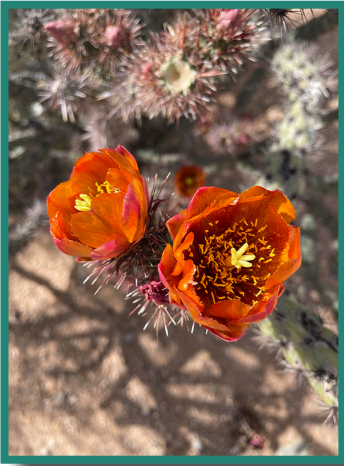


Gila monster

In recent weeks, several Gila monsters have been sighted in Bellasera and in two of these sightings, a residents dog has made contact with the venomous lizard. In case you're not aware of the Gila monster, here is some important information.

The Gila Monster (*Heloderma suspectum*) pronounced *HEE-la*, is a species of venomous lizard native to the Southwestern United States. It is a heavy, typically slow-moving reptile up to 2.0 feet long, and is the only venomous lizard native to the United States. The Gila monster is sluggish in nature,

so is not generally dangerous and may very rarely pose a real threat to humans. Yet, its exaggerated fearsome reputation has led it to sometimes being killed, in spite of being protected by state law in Arizona. If you find one of these lizards in your yard or garage, either leave it alone and let it go on its way, or gently remove it on a shovel or sweep it into a waste basket and place it in the NAOS area. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK IT UP WITH YOUR HANDS.



June In the Garden

by Joe McDade

Transition To Summer

May temperatures were, for the most part, comfortable and in the normal range for the month. This was unlike the previous few years when there were deviations in the upper and/or lower ranges. So, with no rain and normal temperatures this past month, you might say the table is set for us to transition into summer as 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.

Adjust to Summer Heat, You And Your Garden

As we make our personal preparations to adapt to summer, keep in mind that you need to take a similar approach in caring for your garden as these conditions will provide a variety of challenges, mostly related to **heat**. So, when caring for your garden this month, adjustments have to be made to address the **challenges presented by our hot weather** which will give you a head start in coping with the summer months ahead.

Garden Challenges for June

While many of our native and desert-adapted plants have numerous adaptations that enable them to live successfully, such as **succulence, drought-deciduousness** (plants that shed their leaves during periods of drought or generally in a dry, hot season) and small leaves, to name a few examples, plants must still endure the intense heat throughout the day. So, even with these numerous adaptations, desert plants sometimes need a little help to keep them healthy and thriving in your garden which leads to your biggest and **most important challenge..... watering.**

Watering Guidelines

Always the number #1 challenge, proper irrigation to your plants, is crucial during the summer months, especially June, as it is normally the driest month of the year. As the temperatures rise, plant watering needs will also increase. Now is the time to **adjust your watering schedule for the summer.**

Watering guidelines can be complicated as the amount of water and watering frequency depends on many factors such as:

- Soil Type •Weather (temperature, humidity, rainfall, etc.) •Microclimate
- Plant Size and Species •Newly planted or established in the landscape (two years or more)

There is no simple answer, but let's go with our reliable, **simple guidelines:**

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.

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 watering's.

- **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

Additional Considerations:

- Recently planted **native or desert-adapted trees** should be watered once a week if temperatures are over 100 degrees. If temperatures are over 108 degrees water every 2-3 days.
- Natural rainfall may be adequate for most well-established **cacti** and **succulents**. However, if rainfall is insufficient; water may be needed at least once for cactus and twice for succulents during the month of June. Always allow soil to dry out between each irrigation cycle. Water your cacti and succulents to a depth of at least 8-12 inches.

Ineffective Water Management. This 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).

Summer Tasks

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

Mulch Landscape Plants- Apply mulch to soil surfaces of trees, shrubs and flowerbeds to keep root zones cooler and minimize loss of water through evaporation. Mulch can be inorganic (gravel, fabric) or organic (wood chips, pine bark or needles, chopped leaves)

Citrus- Fruit drop should be finished by this month and new fruits should be forming. If you didn't do so last month, fertilize. The next time is August/September prior to fruit sizing time.

Palms- Prune palms when flower spathes show or delay pruning until after the palm has finished flowering to prevent infestation of Palm Flower caterpillars. If palms are pruned in the spring, leave the top five rows of peels so the caterpillars have a place to hide. Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.

Fertilization – Do not fertilize your desert-adapted landscape plants during the summer months as it causes excessive, luxuriant growth that requires more water.

Plants in Containers- These plants should be watered daily, preferably early in the morning. Be sure the water flows out the bottom of the pot with each watering.

What to Plant?

The ideal time for planting is fall or spring. However, here in the Sonoran Desert, we still have some candidates for June. So, if you have the will or

need, consider:

- **Herbs** ● **Warm- Season Vines** ● **Native and Desert-Adapted Trees** ● **Warm Season Veggies.**

Want to Add Color to Your Landscape?

Try planting some heat loving flora. In addition to the obvious **Bougainvillea**, try some that will not lose their luster in triple digit temperatures like:

Sky Flower. A shrub with blue-violet spikes outlined in white. Blooms spring through fall.

Tangerine Beauty Crossvine. An evergreen climber with orange trumpet shaped flowers. Blooms spring through summer.

Warning: if you have a need to plant during the summer months, watering may need to be more frequent and you must be diligent about monitoring your new additions for signs of water stress.



Sky Flower



Tangerine Beauty Crossvine

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.**

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Service exclusively for Bellasera residents. Owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents, we are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring. Licensed and insured we provide visual inspections of the interior and exterior of your home. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** or e-mail us at **ddhomewatch@gmail.com.**

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.

Rental wanted in Bellasera, February - April, 2023. Contact **Gerald, 970-443-0975, glolsen@q.com.**

Copenhagen beautiful contemporary leather L-shaped sectional and ottoman (with storage). Light taupe in color. 3 yrs old. New price was \$4,074. Excellent condition. Asking price- \$2000. Phone, **520-730-9812.** Located in Bellasera.

Are your window coverings getting tired looking? If so, I can help you update the look of your home with shutters, shades or blinds. I'm **Mike Alldredge**, owner of Array Shutters and Blinds. I offer Friends and Family discounts to our Bellasera neighbors. Call me, **602-622-7575.**

All new or renewal classified ads must be 75 words or less. Ads will run for 3 months and may be renewed upon request. Editor reserves the right to edit all ads submitted. Send your to: **editor@azbellasera.org**

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Here in the Bellasera Community, our roads belong to the community, not the City of Scottsdale. However, the rules of the road remain the same. Please remember:



The speed limit within Bellasera is
25 miles per hour

The **STOP** signs mean stop,
not slow down a little

Thank you for your cooperation!

