

# BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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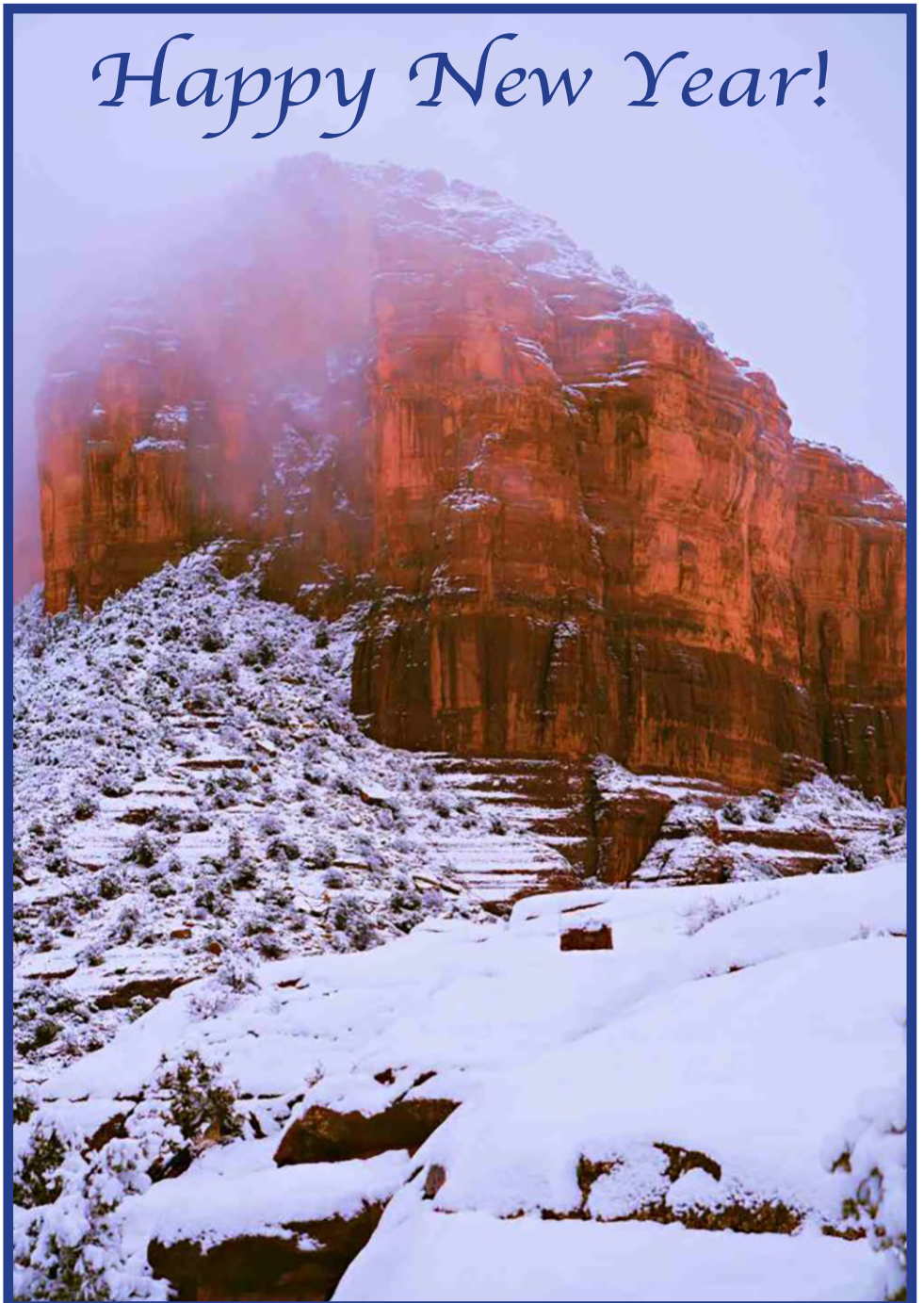
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*Happy New Year!*



January - 2023



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# Clubhouse Corner

*by Richard Hoffman - Board President*

## Annual Lighting Inspection

Every year about this time the Building & Grounds and Modifications Committees conduct a physical inspection of the Bellasera community for compliance with our evening exterior lighting requirements. Bellasera requires that garage door (under eave) lights be controlled by a dusk-to-dawn photocell. Exterior tree lighting be illuminated from dusk to midnight each evening, controlled by a electronic timer. Dusk during the winter months in Bellasera is around 6:00 p.m. Please check your timers and light bulbs that may need replacement. The following are the specifications for under eave/garage lights:

- LED Soft White Bulbs
- 9 watt (65-Watt Equivalent) 650 to 800 lumens
- 2700K light appearance

Either indoor or outdoor bulbs will work assuming the bulb is under the garage eave.

## Superbowl Rentals

This year's NFL Superbowl will be held on Sunday, February 12 at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. You may be seeing articles and videos on traditional news sites and social media discussing daily home rentals for Superbowl weekend in the Phoenix area in the thousands of dollars. Please be advised that Bellasera's CC&Rs require that all short-term rentals in our community be for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

## Hungry Javelinas

Twice a year we refresh our plantings around the community clubhouse with attractive colorful seasonal flowers. This year, our flower beds/planters are looking a bit worn as a local group of Javelinas has found the flowers not only attractive, but tasty! We will be looking for Javelina resistant plantings for next season.

# Bellasera Community Events

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**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, January 26** at **1:00 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, January 24** at **1:00 p.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at **10:00 a.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 18** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at **12:30 p.m.** Applications must be received in the community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, January 5** at **12:00 noon.**

**Bellasera Book Club** will meet in the clubhouse at **noon** on **Wednesday, January 25.** We will be discussing "*The Last Mona Lisa*" by **Jonathan Santlofer.** Any questions contact **Karen Moore, kkmooore40@yahoo.com.**

**Honoring Bellasera Veterans -- Addendum:** Acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the following Bellasera resident whose name was omitted from the November newsletter Veteran's recognition. **Dennis Desirey, US Coast Guard, 1969-1973.**

Weather permitting, Water Aerobics will be held most **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays** from **11 a.m. to Noon.** The lap lanes will be used during that time.

**Wine & Cheese:** We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to once again join us at our January Wine and Cheese Event on **Friday, January 20** from **5 to 7 p.m.** Bring a bottle of a nice red or white wine and a favorite cheese, appetizer or dessert to share with each other. The January gathering will be hosted by **David** and **Susan Sheuerman** at **30970 N. 77th Way.** Please contact **Susan, 650-867-4666, sustalks@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 had several new residents join us these past months after the summer hiatus. It's a great time to get yourself acquainted with them and socialize with all. We look forward to seeing everyone. We are also looking for future hosts for the Wine and Cheese events. We need hosts for the May and June events to either host in your 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.

**Pickleball Invitation:** You are invited to join a small group of men playing intermediate level pickleball on **Thursdays & Saturdays** at **9 a.m.** on the Bellasera court. For additional information contact **Dan Martin, danielrichardmartin@yahoo.com, 480-734-0387.**

**Free CPR Training Classes in the Clubhouse:** Become a lifesaver with a FREE hands-only CPR. Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location die because they do not receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene. As a bystander, don't be afraid. Your actions can only help. We have arranged for **Lori Schmidt** from the City of Scottsdale to conduct a class on Hands-Free CPR in the Bellasera clubhouse on the **Saturday, January 28, 2023,** at **2 p.m.** Each class should last approximately ninety (90) minutes. In this class, you will learn the 3 steps to saving a life, which includes hands-only CPR and how to use an AED. As a bonus you will also be learning some basics in bleeding control. You'll get some hands-on practice on using pressure and applying a tourniquet in this quick module. Class size is limited – please RSVP to resident **Vicki Snyder, 602-622-2762, vicki@snyderpromo.com.** We do need a headcount for these events.

## Weather and General Information

### December Weather in Bellasera

(December 1 - December 31)

Highest Temperature: **74 degrees**

Lowest Temperature: **31 degrees**

Rainfall: **2.17 inches**

Rainfall this year: **11.84 inches**

Last year's rainfall total was **16.07 inches**

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

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### 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**

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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**, 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, January 2**, with the next pickup being on **Monday, January 30**. 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. **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.

# JANUARY 2023

## Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	3 Poker - 7:00 pm	4 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	5 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	6 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	7 Pickleball - 9:00 am
<b>Brush &amp; Bulk pickup</b>						
8	9 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	10 Building & Grounds Committee - 10:00 am Modifications Committee - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	11 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	12 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	13 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	14 Pickleball - 9:00 am
15	16 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am  <i>Martin Luther King Day.</i>	17 Hikers - 8:30 am Poker - 7:00 pm	18 Communications Committee - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	19 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	20 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Wine & Cheese - 5:00 to 7:00 pm	21 Pickleball - 9:00 am
22	23 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	24 Budget & Finance Committee - 1:00 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	25 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Book Club - noon	26 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am Board of Directors - 1:00 pm	27 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	28 Pickleball - 9:00 am CPR Training - 2:00 pm
29	30 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	31 Poker - 7:00 pm				
<b>Brush &amp; Bulk Pickup</b>						

## New Ashler Hills Park

Twenty plus years after initial planning, Ashler Hills Park, just east of the nearby Summit Shopping Center, has been approved by the Scottsdale City Council. See Preliminary Site Plan below.

As a result of neighborhood meetings, the city added five shade structures at the sports courts, adult exercise equipment and pet drinking fountains. It also moved the entry to the park, incorporated a left-hand turn lane at the entry of the park, removed a traffic circle and updated the traffic study.

Of the 15 acres reserved for the park, only 3.36 acres are tentatively earmarked for development and the rest is set to be either undisturbed or re-vegetated.

The developed area will include eight pickleball courts, a basketball court and two small open turf areas, each roughly the size of a basketball court. It will also include a shaded playground and restrooms as well as 70 parking spaces.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023 and is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.



### New in 2022

Welcome to these 13 new (last year, 22)  
Bellasera homeowners in 2022

**Jeff & Kimberly Allen**, Brisa Drive, February  
**Randy & Julie Kembel**, Pasaro Drive, February  
**Timothy & Lisa Riley**, Visao Drive, March  
**Whispering Mesquite**, Balao Drive, March  
**Kristie Reagan**, Brisa Drive, May  
**Paul & Carolyn Blakey**, 74th Way, May  
**TNSI LLC**, Visao Drive, May

**Jeffrey & Leslie Wright**, Balao Drive, June  
**Jeffrey & Leslie Wright**, Balao Drive, July  
**Kevin McCarthy & Carolyn Hadden**, Visao Drive, September  
**Alexander & Csilla Bigham**, Visao Drive, September  
**Jon Viviani**, Visao Drive, November  
**Steven & Kathleen Orland**, Pasaro Drive, December

## City of Scottsdale Reminder

Break down shipping boxes before recycling. The surge in online shopping has produced an increase in shipping boxes in our waste stream referred to as the “Amazon Effect,” which is especially prevalent during the holidays. Do your part to properly recycle cardboard boxes. Break down your boxes before throwing them in your recycling bin. Be sure to remove shipping labels and packing tape. Moving, food, shipping boxes, envelopes, and folders can all be recycled if they are clean, dry and free of plastic packaging materials. Greasy pizza boxes are not recyclable and must go in your trash can.

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### **Bellasera Rules Reminders -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.

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### **Bellasera Community Events - continued:**

**Thanks Be Given:** A big thank you to **Dawn & Jan Hulej, John & Mary Moore, Pat & John Nielsen, Tom & Dianna Saari,** and **Mary & Dennis Soeffner** for putting up the clubhouse holiday decorations this year.

**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).

**Bellasera Hiking Group:** Our next hike will be on **Tuesday, January 17** leaving from the clubhouse parking lot promptly at **8:30 am**. Our destination will be the Granite Mountain Trailhead to hike to and through the Coyote Canyon. The hike will be 6.5 miles long with some elevation, a gorgeous canyon and a crested saguaro. This hike also offers a 3 mile RT option instead with a lovely scenic overlook. For those interested, let's plan to eat at the Pinnacle Grill for lunch after the long hike. Be sure to bring sun protection, plenty of water, and hiking sticks if you desire.

Please sign up in the clubhouse and be sure to include your phone number so we can reach you on the day of the hike if needed, or contact **Mary Van Cleave, 248-225-8510**, with questions or to leave a message.



# January in the Garden

by Joe McDade

## It's A New Year.... And We're Off To A Great Start!

December provided a great month of weather to jump-start our year in creating ideal conditions for your garden to help sustain its color and vibrancy. We did have a taste of winter, minus any serious frost, but a fair amount of welcome rain adding to our above average total for 2022. As we enter into the New Year, remember, the view held by many is that January is the only month of winter in our part of the Sonoran Desert which means a traditional slow month

of gardening.

## Your Garden Takes a Rest

During January, your primary focus should be on protecting your frost sensitive plants which was covered extensively in the December and November columns and can be found at [www.azbella-sera.org](http://www.azbella-sera.org). Additional areas to give some attention to are selective **pruning** and **planting**, which I'll cover below along with some miscellaneous topics.

### Pruning

**Modern 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. Use clean, sharp bypass shears. These make a more precise cut than anvil shears, which tend to crush the stem.

**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.

**General Winter Guidelines** - Wait to prune cold-tender plants until danger of frost is over in mid-March. Prune native plants after they bloom in late spring or early summer

### What To Plant

**Bare Root Roses & Fruit Trees** – This was covered in some detail last month and planting of roses and fruit trees can continue into January as nurseries should be well stocked.

**Cool-season flowers** - It's still not too late to transplant and enjoy a cheery mix of easy-to-grow calendula, Iceland poppy, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, snapdragon, stock and viola.

**Succulents** - Plant winter-growing succulents in the ground or in containers. Choose a location with high, filtered shade or one that is shaded from the afternoon sun. While winter sun suits all winter-growing succulents, summer sun, especially in the afternoon, can be too much for them.

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

**Cool-season veggies** - Sow seeds for peas, root crops and salad greens. Transplant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Chinese cabbage.

**Warm-Season Vegetable Seeds** - (If you are ambitious) Sow seeds indoors for peppers and tomatoes so that seedlings are ready to transplant outdoors between mid-February and mid-March (with frost protection). Small- to medium-size fruits are more likely to produce a good crop than beefsteak varieties, which often crack before they mature.

**Red-Blooming Plants** - The holiday season is over but, if you like to add some red-blooming plants



Hybrid Tea Rose



Petunia



form the next holiday season, consider the following in your spring planting:

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

### Citrus (Annual Reminder)

If you are fortunate to have citrus in your garden, you are beginning to enjoy the harvest of fresh lemons, limes, grapefruit and/or oranges. To help guarantee a good crop every year, this is a reminder that your citrus should be **fertilized** in **January** or **February** with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirements. Follow these guidelines:

- Apply at the tree's drip line (edge of the canopy) and slightly beyond, which is where actively growing root tips will absorb the product. Water deeply right after applying fertilizer.
- The amount to apply depends on the tree's size and how many years it has been in the ground. A small two-year-old tree needs one-half pound of nitrogen per year.
- The amount increases one-quarter pound annually until the tree is six years or older. It then takes about 1.5 pounds of nitrogen annually, with the exception of mature grapefruit trees, which require half that amount.

**Remember:** Citrus in Bellasera needs to be "Dwarf" and in your backyard. Also, the best place to keep most citrus is on the tree as long as possible. Citrus will grow sweeter on the tree even after ripening. Tangerines will not stay on the tree as long as other citrus.

### Miscellaneous

**Houseplants** - It's time to inspect houseplants for aphids, scale insects, spider mites, and mealybugs. Rinse infected plants with commercial insecticidal soap or a solution of 1 tablespoon of dishwashing liquid mixed with one gallon of water. Blast gray aphids off plants with a strong jet of water.

**Bougainvillea** - If you would like to take some of those magnificent Bougainvillea flowers inside the house to enjoy, the trick is to immerse the bracts in water for one hour before placing them in a vase.

**Control Aphids** - These minuscule, soft-bodied insects feed in clusters on tender shoots of vegetables, flowers and landscape plants. Spray all affected areas with blasts of water from the hose; squish aphids between your gloved fingers; remove heavily infested leaves; and do not over-water or over-fertilize, which produces an abundance of fresh growth that attracts aphids. Never spray with broad-spectrum pesticides, which eliminate beneficial insects that consume aphids, such as lady beetle adults and larvae and green lacewing

### Desert Observations

**Pencil Plant** - This popular succulent is putting on quite a show throughout our community. Also known as *Euphorbia tirucalli*, the plant's green pencil-like sticks turn bright coral when the plant is under stress. Succulent stress can come in the form of many factors including the plant having too little water, being too cold, or being planted in nutrient poor soil. Gardeners commonly deprive this succulent, as well as several other types of succulents, of nutrients or water on purpose in order to encourage the plant to display its bright and showy colors. It looks like we have achieved this in Bellasera.



Pencil Plant

**Happy New Year!**

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

## B e l l a s e r a   C l a s s i f i e d s

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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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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I love living in Bellasera! Our market is not at the frenzy it was a few months ago, it has struck a more reasonable balance. Our community is still very much in demand. 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 market value, please call me! **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223** or **audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

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**LET THE SUNSHINE IN! UPDATE YOUR HOME.** If you have the need or want new window coverings, take advantage of the significant discounts offered to Bellasera residents from your neighbor **Mike Alldredge**, owner of Array Shutters and Blinds, a Certified Hunter Douglas Dealer with Expert Installation and over 40+ Years of Window Covering Experience. We also offer Custom Shutters, Outdoor Shades and Beautiful Draperies. Contact me at **602-622-6565**

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Hello Bellasera Neighbors! In addition to being a licensed AZ realtor, I've been securities licensed for 35 years in most states and specialize in real estate 1031 exchanges. My website, **Sandysimmons.bhhsaz.com**, offers a wealth of information on finding and buying or selling a home/investment property. Please call me to learn how I can customize a tax friendly exchange that meets your specific needs. **Sandy Simmons**, Realtor - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Arizona Properties, **310-405-1403** or **sandy.simmons@bhhsaz.com**.

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Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services exclusively serving 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, **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

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Heiku Fans (2). Factory like condition. One is 28 inches from ceiling, the other is 40 inches from ceiling. Bamboo-like 3 blades, remote operated, variable speed whoosh, etc. Very quiet and stable. \$225, each. E-mail: **sgreenp@msn.com**.

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