

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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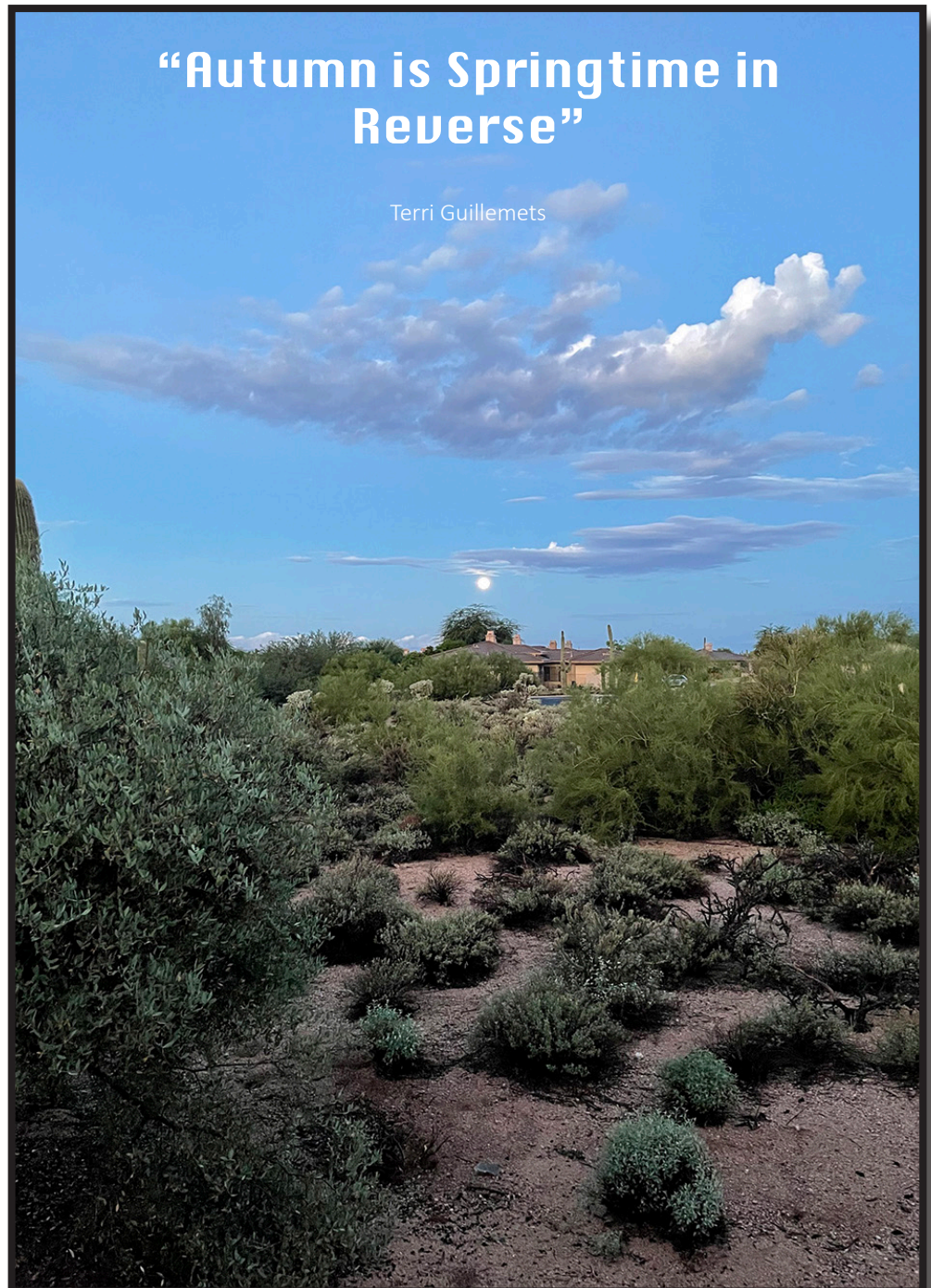
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“Autumn is Springtime in Reverse”

Terri Guillemets



October - 2022



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Clubhouse Corner

by Richard Hoffman - Board President

Board Approves Revised Parking Rules

At the regular Board meeting on September 22, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the further revised rules regarding parking of vehicles in the Bellasera Community. Copies of the revised rules were previously mailed to each homeowner in Bellasera and was attached to an e-blast to all residents. The new Parking Rules become effective on October 23, 2022, thirty days after their approval. Copies of the final Parking Rules will be posted on the Bellasera website.

Change In Security Service Vendor

We have not been satisfied with the service and performance of our current front gate security service – Securitas. The Board has decided to terminate our existing contract with Securitas effective October 31, 2022. After interviewing several candidates, it was decided to engage Anderson Security Agency to take over those responsibilities beginning on November 1, 2022. Further details will be provided in the November newsletter.

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 following dates:

Saturday, November 5, 2022 & Saturday, January 28, 2023.
 Both classes began 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.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Board of Directors will meet on **Monday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 16 at 8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 11 at 12:30 p.m.**. Modification applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, October 6 at 12 noon.**

Lone Mountain Road Clean-up: The next trash pick-up by Bellasera residents on Lone Mountain Road is planned for **Saturday, October 22, at 8:00 a.m.** Communications Committee member **Paul Rippens** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. Bellasera residents have been volunteering for this city-wide cleanup twice a year since 2014. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. All material will be furnished, and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

Bellasera Hikers: It's time to resume our Bellasera group hikes. As we did in the past, we will depend on individuals to select a month and plan the hike. To organize a hike, select a month, a day, a location, put a notice in the newsletter, a sign up sheet in the clubhouse & lead the group on hike day. Our first hike for the 2022/2023 season will be at Browns Ranch. We will hike a loop around Cone Mountain, via Ranch trail & Cone Mountain trail, for a 4.0 mile hike. These trails are rated easy/moderate, with beautiful boulders & gentle ups & downs. Elevation gain is 200 ft. The hike is **Thursday, October 20**. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 9 a.m. Remember to bring water, wear a hat, and sunscreen. A sign up sheet is in the clubhouse, or email **Karen Meiliken** at Meiliken1@aol.com.

Fall Kickoff for Bellasera Wine and Cheese: We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to once again join us at our October Wine and Cheese Event on **Friday, October 21** from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Bring a bottle of a nice red or white wine from the Pacific Northwest and a favorite cheese, appetizer or dessert to share with each other. The October gathering will be hosted by **Bob and Samantha Dubay at 7644 E Ponte Bella Drive**. Please contact **Sam, 503-702-5265, 9111Sam@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. Feel free to wear your favorite Halloween Costumes if you want! It's time to party!

We are looking for future hosts of the Wine and Cheese. We need hosts for the November, December and January events to either host in your home or at the clubhouse. You can sign up at the October event if you are interested. Or, call **Dianna Saari, 408-218-5425** to sign up. We want to continue to hold this very social event on a regular basis.

Recent Bellasera Veterans: Next month we plan to once again recognize all Bellasera veterans. If you've moved here since November of last year and are a vet, please e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. Indicate your name, branch of service, and dates served.

Bellasera Bookclub: We've spent the summer reading books of our choice and will share them when we meet on **Wednesday, October 26** at **noon** in the clubhouse. Contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore40@yahoo.com** with any questions.

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.

Water Aerobics will resume in **October**. We will meet most **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** from **10 to 11 a.m.**

WEATHER AND GENERAL INFORMATION

September Weather in Bellasera

(September 1 - September 30)

Highest Temperature: **106 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **65 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.30 inch**

Rainfall this year: **8.10 inch**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: 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

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, October 3**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, October 31**. 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.

OCTOBER 2022

Bellasera Community Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 4 Poker - 7:00 pm | 5 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 6 Yoga - 8:30 am | 7 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 8 Electronics Recycle - 7:30 am to 2:00 pm |
| BRUSH & BULK REMOVAL | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 11 Building/Grounds - 10:00 am Modifications - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm | 12 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 13 Yoga - 8:30 am | 14 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 15 |
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| 23 | 24 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10:00 am Board Meeting - 1:00 pm | 25 Budget & Finance - 1:00 pm Poker - 7:00 pm | 26 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am Book Club - Noon | 27 Yoga - 8:30 am | 28 Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Halloween Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10:00 am | BRUSH & BULK REMOVAL October 31 - November 4 | | | | |

Electronics Recycling

Scottsdale residents can properly recycle electronics like computers, printers, phones, cameras, flat panel televisions/monitors and stereo equipment at the free Electronics Recycling Event on **Saturday, October 8, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The event is located at **9191 E. San Salvador Drive**. Proof of residency is required: a picture I.D. with your Scottsdale address or a city utility bill.

All unwanted electronics must be in the trunk or bed of your vehicle for removal. Your vehicle will not be unloaded if items are located elsewhere. Participants are required to stay in their vehicle at all times.

A limited number of vehicles will be permitted on the property during the event. Please comply with all directions from the event staff.

Acceptable Items

Computers/Peripherals: PC's, printers, keyboards, scanners, mice, flat panel monitors, circuit boards and hard drives

Office Equipment: telephones, cell phones, answering machines, pagers, typewriters and calculators

Entertainment Equipment: cameras, televisions, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players and stereo equipment

Items not accepted:

CRT televisions and monitors, projection screen televisions

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) and Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Batteries

Appliances: air conditioners, can openers, coffee pots, microwaves, stoves & ovens, refrigerators, washers & dryers and hot water heaters. No commercial materials will be accepted

CRT televisions and monitors (also known as tube style) and projection screen televisions are no longer accepted. Please place them out for your brush and bulk collection service.



Bellasera Facebook Page

Our neighborhood Facebook page is "**Bellasera HOA.**" If you are a homeowner, you may click on the join button to request membership. It will ask 2 questions. If you own and what is your address. In order to be accepted we would need to see your last name and/or be given your address. If your profile name does not contain your last name, we can't verify you as a homeowner. If you provide an address, we can use that to determine your ownership. This information is not shared and is only used to verify our memberships.

The old page "AZ Bellasera" is no longer being managed by our HOA. We have been unable to delete this page. We ask that you "unfollow" that page and join this one to get the official information of our neighborhood.

Bellasera Rules Reminders

Exterior lighting within desert communities such as Bellasera is a sensitive issue. To achieve an appropriate balance, lighting should be adequate for residents while preserving the dramatic nighttime sky. Within the community, lighting consists primarily of landscape lighting. Street illumination occurs only at intersections or to illuminate signage. We encourage you to consult your landscape architect or a lighting designer for current lighting techniques and equipment.

Minimize lighting within residential yards. Lighting has the power of being a very strong design element, as well as an element that can provide direction. It is intended to add another level of beauty and integrity to the landscape. State of the art lighting equipment utilizes glare shields and low wattage bulbs that conceal the source of the light and eliminate glare. Emphasize downlighting as opposed to uplighting. Downlighting has less impact on the night sky as light is cast downward rather than spilling into the nighttime sky. In general, landscape lighting or low-level path lighting should serve as the primary form of exterior lighting. Avoid excessive spill lights on buildings, garage doors, driveways, etc. Allow the landscape lights to create the effect and provide indirect ambient light for visibility. (Source: Bellasera Design Guidelines)



Sandy Simmons Photograph



October in the Garden

by Joe McDade

Fall Has Arrived!

September was certainly true to form this year as it provided its traditional bridge from the summer heat, to fall, with moderated daytime heat but cool morning and evening temperatures with a little rain thrown in. Hopefully, this is a prelude to seven or eight months of moderate, comfortable weather. **Welcome to October... The Delightful Month Of Change!**

This is the Month to Dig In!

Last month, we touched on the fact that your garden had been given a head start as a result of the monsoon in providing much needed moisture and nutrients as well as making the ground soft and receptive to fall planting. It really paved the way for October, the best month of the year to plant just about everything—**trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, vines, ornamental grasses, cacti, succulents, wildflowers, cool-season veggies, herbs and flowers**. We are truly in our prime planting month! Temperatures will abate to a comfortable level, while our soil remains sufficiently warm to promote seed germination and root growth. Seven to eight months of moderate temperatures are ahead of us, which will allow plants to establish before summer's heat returns. So forget garden maintenance chores this month and **Dig In!**

Some Planting Suggestions For October

Citrus Trees- Right now there is a wide selection of citrus available in our local nurseries; orange, grapefruit, tangerine, etc. Citrus are easy to plant as you simply have to remember to prepare a hole no deeper than the plant's root ball but at least twice the width of their containers. This promotes root growth out into the native soil. **Remember: Only dwarf citrus trees are allowed in Bellasera.** These will still provide you with plenty of fruit.

Shrubs- If you'd like to add some brilliant fall colors to your garden, consider the following:

Texas Sage - In the early development of Bellasera, Texas Sage was always included in a Landscapers list which is certainly borne out in driving around the neighborhood. It was an excellent choice as it has a lot of redeeming values. These plants are easy to care for, compact, drought-resistant, and attractive bushes. A profuse bloomer, Sage attracts hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, from late winter to early fall. Its blooms make excellent cut flowers, and it's fragrant foliage has been known to repel pests. Some suggestions:



Chaparral Sage • **Desert Sage** • **Red Sage** • **White Sage**

Heavenly Bamboo - An Asian plant which turns bright red to red-orange in the fall.

Firebush - As the weather cools, leaves begin to turn a dark coppery red. They remain this color through the winter.



Beach Vitex - Before this deciduous shrub loses its leaves they turn a dusky purple-red.

Crape Myrtle - Coloring is variable, but most plants turn a reddish hue before they lose their leaves.

Mexican Jumping Bean - This hot weather loving shrub leaves turn a fiery red in late winter.



Overhaul & Rejuvenate Flower Beds

If you have summer annual flower beds (most likely in pots), it's time (probably later in the month) to pull them out and replace them with cool season annuals. Some suggestions:

•**Alyssum**: A low growing border plant in white, pink or purple. *Full sun to light partial shade.*

- Begonia**: Gives masses of color in *shady spots*, red, pink or white in dark leafed varieties, or a mixture of colors in green leafed types.
- Calendula**: Yellow or orange flowers with dark centers, makes excellent cut flowers. *Needs sun.*
- Chrysanthemum paludosum**: Miniature daisy flowers cover this low growing annual in a cloud of white. *Use for sunny borders.*
- Dianthus**: An array of reds, pinks, violets and white adorn these specially selected Sweet Williams. *Sun or partial shade.*
- Geranium**: Available in a rainbow of colors. *Full sun to partial shade.*
- Pansy and Viola**: The most popular flower for fall and winter, these hardy free blooming plants are available in a wide variety of colors to suit any décor. Pick a *sunny spot* for best results. Violas will take *light shade*.
- Petunia**: Reds, pinks, whites, burgundy and blues. *Full sun.*
- Poppies and Primroses**: These favorites will be ready for you when the weather starts to turn cold. Iceland poppies for bright *sunny spots* and traditional primrose for *shady areas*.
- Snapdragons**: Taller mid-sized varieties are great for cut flowers or colorful backgrounds. Dwarf types make fantastic borders. Either way, you can't go wrong with their rainbow of colors for sunny spots.
- Copper-leaved Caesalpinia**: The small leaves turn from a deep burnished red to a bright golden red through the winter.



Miscellaneous Tasks

- Citrus**- Late summer application of nitrogen fertilizer will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navel oranges and tangerines) than spring-ripening (grapefruit and Valencia oranges).
- Prune Perennials**- Cut back spring-flowering perennials like *brittlebush*, *globe mallow*, *ruellia*, and groundcovers like *sundrops*, and *trailing bush* hard this month. If the plant is especially leggy or unruly, prune to remove at least 1/3 of the plant or more. After pruning, water well.
- Deciduous Fruit Trees**- Prune the water sprouts.
- Landscape Plants**- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.
- Weed Control**- Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. Do not use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.
- Mesquite Trees**- If your Mesquite trees are looking tall and scraggly, take action now to do some corrective pruning.
- Roses**- Resume full fertilizing of established roses as the weather cools.
- Fertilize**- If you did not fertilize established cold-hardy shrubs last month, do so early this month. This is the final fertilization of the year.

Watering

Yes, it is finally time to cut back on your watering. Reduce watering frequencies as plant needs decrease with shortening, cooling days. Once the temperatures begin dipping below 100° gradually start cutting back water to all plants to begin hardening them off for the winter. Remember, both frequency and duration need to be adjusted gradually. Do not stop cold turkey. Change your irrigation timer to reflect the changes in temperature.

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Plant Hotline at maricopacountyplant hotline@gmail.com)

BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS

PATIO SHADES, SHUTTERS, ROLLER SHADES AND DRAPES we have them all. Now that we are heading into the fall we are offering a 25% discount to all our Bellasera neighbors. Give me a call at **602-622-7575, Mike Alldredge** with Array Shutters and Blinds. Your Bellasera neighbor.

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.

Copenhagen beautiful contemporary leather L-shaped sectional and ottoman (with storage). Light taupe in color. 3 yrs old. The new price was \$4,074.00. Excellent condition. Asking price- \$1,200. Phone **520-730-9812**. Located in Bellasera.

For sale. Upright rolling walker, forearm rest. Padded seat and backrest. Ideal for people up to 6 feet tall. Manufactured by Elenker, and advertised on Amazon.com. Still brand new. \$100.00 Call **Pat, 480-595-6811**

Life Settlements! Conducted a training meeting recently and asked to bring along examples of previously completed unwanted life insurance policy sales. Of the last 19, value if cashed in was \$1,400,000. I represented the insureds, who weren't aware this option existed, they walked away with just over \$15,000,000. Nearly 10X as much. Another sold this week for 31X more than the surrender value. Thinking about dropping your policy? Call me, I'd be happy to help. **Marc Ruskin, 480-221-1070, ruskinmarc@aol.com.**

Caring Corps Charity in Carefree annual golf event fund raiser on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Mirabel Golf Club. Sponsorships, donations, volunteers are needed. To help, go to **foothillscaringcorps.com**, or call **480-488-1105**.

FOR SALE. Relax the Back Zero Gravity Classic Manual Recliner with extra long foot extension. Excellent condition, black leather. Asking \$500. Original price over \$2000. Relax the Back Zero Gravity Power Recliner with Jade heat system. Black leather- excellent condition. Original price over \$4,000. Asking \$1000. Keaton 48 inch mat board cutter for picture framing. Excellent condition. Original price over \$1000. Asking \$150. All items are in Bellasera. Call **480-766-8941**.

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