

BELLASERA

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Clubhouse Corner



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Reschedule of January Welcome Reception

To All Bellasera Homeowners and Residents:

Due to the recent uptick in COVID cases and spread, we are postponing our Welcome Event that was scheduled for **January 16, 2022**, from 3-5p.m. at our Clubhouse.

The community response to this event has been very positive and we are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, meeting new friends and welcoming our new residents—safely.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are rescheduling the event to **Sunday, March 20, 2022** from 3-5p.m. in the Clubhouse. Notice of the rescheduled event will be published in the January, February and March newsletters. We will send out email reminders, post it on Facebook and you will be able to sign up to attend in the Clubhouse.

We thank you for your understanding and wish you and your families a very safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

Richard Hoffman, Board President and the Planning Committee

Bellasera Community Events

Water aerobics will be held on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** from **11 a.m. to noon**. Both lap lanes will be used at that time.

Bellasera Book Club will meet on **Thursday, January 27** and combine our holiday luncheon with our regular meeting. More news to follow. Any questions contact **Karen Moore, kk-moore40@yahoo.com**.

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, January 19** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 18**, at **10a.m.**

Budget & Finance meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 25** at **1 p.m.**

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

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

New Fitness Center Equipment: To help you keep your New Year's "get fit" resolution, four new Precor stationary bicycles have recently been added to the clubhouse fitness center. Two recumbent, and two upright models replace older models after long and faithful service.

Weather and General Information

December Weather in Bellasera

(December 1 - December 31)

Highest Temperature: **82 degrees**

Lowest Temperature: **33 degrees**

Rainfall: **3.55 inches**

Rainfall this year: **16.07 inches**

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**

Note to Users: when nation is on standard time (NOV-MAR), the “last updated...” time is incorrect. It should be 1 hour later than shown.

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**.

Neither the Bellasera Community Association nor its Board of Directors provides any warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy, timeliness, completeness, merchantability, or fitness for any particular purpose, of any information contained in this newsletter in any form or manner whatsoever.

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 3**, with the next pickup being on **Monday, January 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.

JANUARY 2022

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1
2	3 Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am Brush & Bulk Removal	4 Poker - 7 pm	5 Water Aerobics - 11 am	6 Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	7 Water Aerobics - 11 am	8
9	10 Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	11 Modifications - 12:30 pm Poker - 7 pm	12 Communica-tions 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	13 Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	14 Water Aerobics - 11 am	15
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Welcome to these new Bellasera homeowners in 2021

Dennis & Illean Weber, Visao Drive, January
Azad & Martha Muhaldeen, Visao Drive, January
Brett & Elizabeth Garretson, Balao Drive, January
John & Barbara Fritz, Balao Drive, February
John Mullen, Moura Drive, February
Terry & Sandra Malsbury, Moura Drive, March
Michael & Missy Dodge, Brisa Drive, April
Paul & Teri Katawicz, Ponte Bella Drive, April
Jordan & Barbara Berger, Balao Drive, April
Robert & Samantha Dubai, Ponte Bella Drive, May
Shawn Jardine, Balao Drive, June
William & Lorrae Lindquist, Brisa Drive, June
Mike & Marty Ohrt, 72nd Place, June
Marc & Rhonda Ruskin, Visao Drive, June
Diane Palumbo, Visao Drive, July
David & Susan Sheuerman, 77th Way, July
Chad & Kelly Kerlin, Brisa Drive, July
Dennis Desirey & Linda Stacey, Visao Drive, September
Richard Collopy, Pasaro Drive, October
John & Laura Maring, Visao Drive, October
Diane Palumbo, Visao Drive, November
Steven & Debbie Petranek, Visao Drive, December



Bellasera Volunteer List Addendum: Building & Grounds Committee member **Bruce Van Cleave** was omitted from the December listing of community volunteers.

Scottsdale Road Improvements Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive

The City of Scottsdale is beginning to design a series of improvements to a two-mile segment of Scottsdale Road from Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive, including the intersection of Scottsdale Road and Dynamite Blvd.

Consistent with the City's Transportation Master Plan, this project will convert this section of Scottsdale Road to a complete street including updates to the major intersections, landscaped medians, bike lanes, sidewalks and trails to improve safety, capacity and accessibility for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Existing signalized Dynamite Boulevard will be replaced with a multi lane roundabout.

This project will include the design of:

- 8-foot wide separated sidewalk on the west side
- 10-foot multi use path or 8-foot trail on the east side
- multilane roundabout at the intersection of Dynamite Boulevard
- High intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) crossing at Pinnacle Vista Drive
- 110-foot of right of way (targeted)
- Elimination of all wet crossings

Bellasera Rules Reminders

The Board, in its sole discretion, may deactivate any Key Fob at any time the Board determines that an Owner or Tenant has violated these Key Fob Rules and Procedures or any policy or rule set forth in the CC&Rs or adopted by the Board. Such deactivation may be for such time period as the Board reasonably determines, including permanent deactivation. No Guest/Invitee who provides services as a trainer, teacher, massage therapist or any similar activity ("Trainer"), whether or not compensated for such services, may enter onto any of the Recreation Facility unless the Trainer agrees, on such forms as provided by the Association, to assume responsibility for any damage, accident or injury in connection with such services.

A transponder may be used only on the vehicle for which it was issued. Soft Transponders must be permanently affixed to the windshield. No transponder, whether soft or hand-held, may be transferred to any other vehicle, or shared in any manner with any other Authorized Holder or Guests/Invitees. The cost of each new Soft Transponder is \$25, regardless of whether for a new vehicle or a replacement windshield. The cost of each hand-held transponder ("Hard Transponder") is \$75.

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.

Source: Bellasera Community Guidelines (azbellasera.org, "Policies" page)



Arizona Snowfall - February 22, 2019 - Photo by Joe McDade



January in the Garden

by Joe McDade

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

December was extremely kind to our gardens as we received an abundance of rain highlighted by more than 2 inches on Christmas Eve. And, we experienced seasonal temperatures and no frost. It was a great month of weather to jump-start our year as your garden will certainly perk up and add to the color and vibrancy of our community. Not ideal for our holiday visitors, but winter moisture is certainly needed for your garden and is a great companion to the beautiful weather we get during this time of year. There is a view held by many that January is the only month of winter in our part of the Sonoran Desert.

“Quiet Time” For Your Garden

These “wintry conditions” are the norm for the low desert in January and paves 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.

Frost Protection

Frost - Winter frost here in the desert typically occurs in 3-5 day cycles. How often and to what severity is difficult to predict. However, a winter seldom goes by without frost. This was briefly covered last month but here are some additional suggestions. If freezing temperatures are predicted, follow these guidelines:

1. At sunset, drape frost cloth, burlap or old sheets and blankets (never plastic) over cold-tender plants, such as bougainvillea, citrus, hibiscus, natal plum, roses, annual flowers and vegetables.
2. Extend the canopy over the entire plant or area, allowing it to hang to the ground. If possible, support the cloth on temporary framework so that it does not touch foliage. The goal is to trap heat radiating from the ground beneath the cover, warming the air around the plant.
3. Remove the cover the next morning before temperatures reach 50 degrees F, or it will heat up like a greenhouse beneath the cloth.
4. Cover the tips of columnar cacti with foam cups.

What To Plant

Bare Root Roses & Fruit Trees –Planting of roses and fruit trees can continue into January as nurseries should be well stocked.

Cool-season flowers- Calendula, Iceland poppy, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, snapdragon, stock and viola.

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

Warm-Season Vegetable Seeds

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

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

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.

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.

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 - Euphorbia Tirucalli

Mesquites-They begin to lose their leaves this month as they fade to yellow or brown and begin to fall off which is normal leaf loss in these plants. While screwbean mesquite is completely deciduous each year, velvet mesquite lose their leaves gradually, often as the new leaves emerge.

Happy New Year!

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(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at <https://extension.arizona.edu/maricopamg>)

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 Carefee can pick up your unwanted fruniture, 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.

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 call me! **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor, International Diamond Society – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223** or **audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

Life Settlement - proven alternative for those who wish to terminate their life insurance. Recent market value vs. "disposal" value examples: 1. Term policy sold for \$800,000; 2. Whole Life surrender value of \$6,500 sold for \$550,000. Problem is people aren't aware of it: "What are life settlements"; "Sounds too good to be true." "My other advisor never mentioned this." Thinking about dropping a policy? Examining every opportunity before making important decisions is smart business. Contact **Marc Ruskin**, **480-221-1070**, **ruskinmarc@aol.com**.

Need a New Look? How about replacing your old window coverings, what a difference it can make to your home. I'm **Mike Alldredge**, a Bellasera resident and owner of Array Shutters and Blinds featuring Hunter Douglas shades, O'Hair Shutters, patio shades & window film. Call me, **602-622-7575**. We'll offer you our friends and Family discount.

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