

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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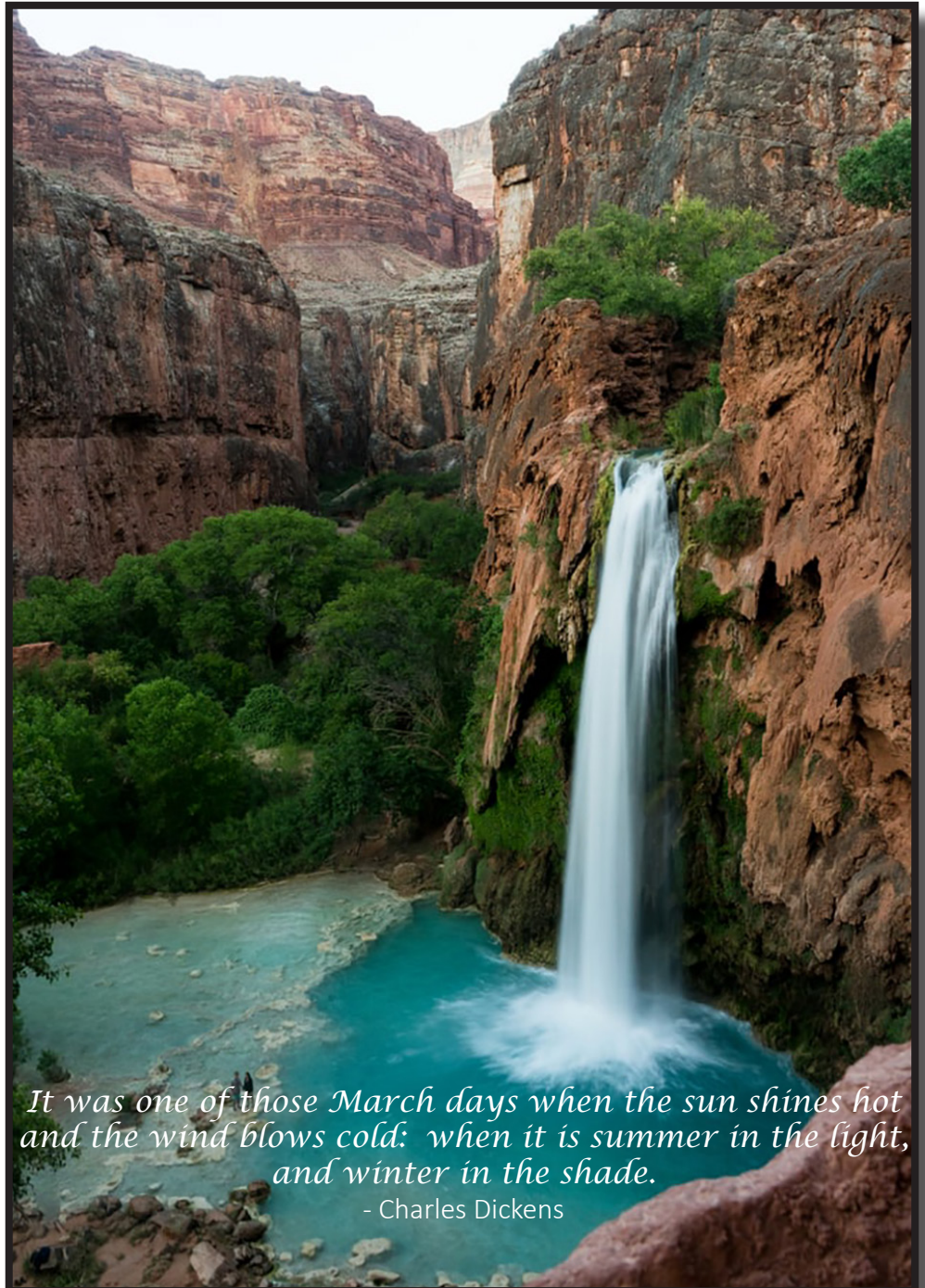
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*It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot
and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light,
and winter in the shade.*

- Charles Dickens

March - 2023



Clubhouse Corner

by Richard Hoffman - Board President

Annual Meeting Packages Sent Out

Each homeowner was sent a mailing with the notice of the Annual Homeowner's Meeting on **Sunday, April 16**, at **2:00 p.m.** on the clubhouse patio. A Candidate Application Form was included for residents who wish to apply for open Board of Directors positions. Applications to run as a candidate for an open Board seat must be received by **5:00 p.m.** on **Monday, March 13** for those wishing to appear on the ballot. This year there will be two (2) open positions on the Board of Directors, each for two-year terms.

Homeowners File Suit Against Bellasera to Rescind New Parking Rules

In September of last year, after consulting with our outside legal counsel and considering the comments and input from homeowners and residents voiced at several meetings, the Board of Directors voted to adopt new rules for overnight parking and vendor/construction parking in Bellasera. Copies of the new parking rules were mailed to each homeowner and became effective on October 22, 2022.

At the time of the adoption of the new parking rules, the Board also provided that homeowners/residents could apply for an exception to the new parking rules. The Board would then consider the request, based upon the facts and circumstances in each individual case. Since the adoption of the new parking rules, the Board has considered and granted exceptions to two homeowners.

On February 14, 2023, homeowners **Richard** and **Darlene Rudner** filed suit against Bellasera in the Maricopa Superior Court asking the Court to declare the new parking rules invalid. Prior to their filing of this lawsuit, we encouraged the **Rudners** to apply for an exception, but they have declined to do so.

We have tendered this matter to the community's current liability insurance carrier who will assume the defense of this action going forward.

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Bellasera Community Events

Board of Directors will meet on **Monday, March 27** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 28** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 14** at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 15** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 14** at **12:30 p.m.**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Friday, March 10** at **12 noon**.

March Wine & Cheese: Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day together! Please join us for Bellasera's March Wine and Cheese event on **Friday, March 17**, from **5-7 p.m.**, hosted by **Marc and Rhonda Ruskin** in the Bellasera Clubhouse. Please bring a bottle of wine from any of the 15 English Commonwealths (see below) and a favorite cheese, appetizer or dessert to share with others. You may contact **Rhonda, 480-703-0101, mrmruskin@gmail.com.**, to let us know if you plan on attending, or have any questions. You can also sign up on the sheet inside the front door of the clubhouse. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

(English Commonwealths....Antigua, Barbuda, Australia, Bahama's, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, The Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Wales, England, Scotland, and Ireland (Ireland produces 5 varieties of wine).

Restorative and Yoga Nidra with Joy: **Saturday, March 4** from **10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** in Bellasera clubhouse. Limited to 12 participants. \$12 per person. Please reserve space by e-mailing **Joy, joy.blonstein@gmail.com**. Feel free to email with any questions. Relax, restore and rejuvenate the body. The first part of class is spent in gentle, restorative poses using props such as blankets and blocks for comfort. Time is spent in each pose allowing gentle opening and deep relaxation in the body and mind. The second part of the class is spent in Yoga Nidra, a guided meditation technique. It is the easiest form of meditation since you are comfortably lying down and all you need to do is be there. Yoga Nidra quiets the mind, while boosting the energy flow in the body. The practice is known to promote healing within the body, aid in insomnia, stress, behavior patterns, and anxiety. In addition to 500-level Yoga Alliance certification, Joy has completed over 100 hours in Yoga Nidra training and is certified in this specialization through the Amrit Yoga Institute.

Tennis & Pickleball Reservations: Bellasera will be using a new tennis/pickleball reservation company. User accounts on the prior system are invalid. All users must create a new account. Click or touch the link on our web site, **azbellasera.org**, "**BCA Members**" page. After account is created, click or touch MY CLUBS, then CONNECT TO MY CLUB, and select BELLASERA HOA

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.

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.**

Weather and General Information

February Weather in Bellasera

(February 1 - February 28)

Highest Temperature: **75 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **29 degrees**

Rainfall: **1.44 inch**

Rainfall this year: **3.55 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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Photographs used in this newsletter are provided by residents of Bellasera or obtained from social media. Name of the photographer is included if available. If you have photographs that you would like to see used in this publication, please forward them to editor@azbellasera.org

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, February 27**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, March 27**. 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.

MARCH 2023

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	2 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	3 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	4 Pickleball - 9:00 am Yoga Nidra - 10:00 to 11:15 am
Brush & Bulk Removal						
5	6 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	7 Bellasera Hikers - 8:30 am Poker - 7:00 pm	8 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	9 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	10 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	11 Pickleball - 9:00 am
12	13 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	14 Building & Grounds - 10:00 am Modifications - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	15 Communica- tions - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Mangia Foodies - 6:00 pm	16 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	17 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Wine & Cheese - 5:00 to 7:00 pm	18 Pickleball - 9:00 am
19	20 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	21 Poker - 7:00 pm	22 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	23 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	24 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	25 Pickleball - 9:00 am Cars & Coffee - 9:00 to 12 noon.
26	27 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Board Meeting - 1:00 pm	28 Budget & Fi- nance - 1:00 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	29 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am Book Club - Noon	30 Yoga - 8:30 am Pickleball - 9:00 am	31 Water Aerobics - 11:00 am	
Brush & Bulk Removal						

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Bellasera Hikers: The next hike will be on **Tuesday, March 7** leaving from the clubhouse parking lot promptly at **8:30 am**. Our destination will be the Spur Cross Regional Park, to hike the Spur Cross Trail and onto the Dragonfly Trail. We will go past a huge barrel cactus, a neat petroglyph and transition from a desert to a riparian landscape as we approach Cave Creek along our 4 mile hike. Given all the rain this spring, we should see an abundance of wildflowers! There is minimal elevation change but a climb at the start and at the end. Park fee is \$3 per person and they only accept cash unless you have a season pass. For those interested, let's plan to eat lunch at Rancho Mañana on the patio overlooking the golf course after the 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 leave a message.

Book Club: We enjoyed hearing everyone share the biographies they chose at our last meeting and welcomed new members. This month we will meet on **Wednesday, March 29** at **noon** in the clubhouse. We are reading "*Lessons In Chemistry*" by **Bonnie Garmus**, a number one best seller. Our selection for April is "*Master Slave*" by **Ilyon Woo** and for May it's "*Lost Roses*" by **Martha Hall Kelly**. Any questions, contact **Karen Moore, kkmoores40@yahoo.com**.

Mangia Foodies: Soups On! Well, actually a cassoulet. This month I thought we'd try something really easy and then make it absolutely exceptional. Basically a cassoulet is a simple stew of beans, bacon, sausage and poultry— or similar proteins—with other aromatics and flavors added. Delicious as is but I think even better when transformed into a soup. It's wonderfully rich and satisfying. Along with a salad and some crusty bread—you can't get much better. To complement these complex and comforting flavors I think a hearty red wine like a Cab or Bordeaux would be a great addition. If you are looking to learn about this dish please join me in my kitchen at **30994 N 74 Way** on **Wednesday, March 15** at **6 p.m.** If you'd like to bring wine that would be great. You can contact me, **516-987-2897, rsugarrae@aol.com**. If we have another big response, I'll schedule a second session for the next day **Thursday March 16**, at **6 p.m.** I look forward to cooking with you.

Cars & Coffee: Several car enthusiasts have expressed interest in having another car and coffee social event in the clubhouse parking lot. We'll meet on **March 25**, from **9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Bring your car and coffee to the parking lot and share conversation and car interests. **Rick Forbes, 602-284-0388**.



Bellasera Rules Reminders

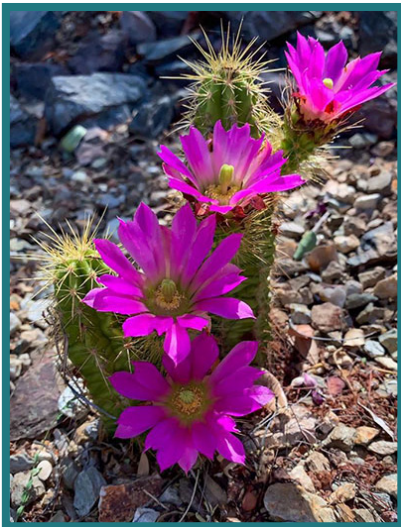
The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall serve as the corporate policy-making body for the Association. The number of directors in the Association shall be not less than three nor more than seven. Nominations for election to the Board shall be made in accordance with policies and procedures established, from time to time, by the Board. Such policies and procedures may include, but are not limited to, requiring a specified number of signatures as a precondition to appearing on the ballot or permitting nominations through a Nominating Committee. The Board shall establish policies and procedures for nominations no later than 90 days prior to any election. Except with respect to “write-in candidates” or nominations made from the floor at any meeting (if permitted by the policies and procedures), nominations shall be made no later than 45 days before the election shall be held.

Except as provided in this Section 3.4, annual elections for directors shall be held prior to the end of April. Directors elected at such annual elections shall take office immediately and complete the training requirements as soon as practicable pursuant to Section 3.1. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, each director shall serve two-year terms. The terms will be staggered as determined by the Board of Directors; provided, directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected (or appointed as the case may be) and take office. Directors may be elected by the Homeowners to serve up to three consecutive terms. Notwithstanding the above or any other provision of these Bylaws, each Homeowner shall be entitled to cast one vote with respect to each vacancy to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes for each vacancy to be filled shall be elected.

(source: Bellasera Community Association ByLaws, dated 29 November 2007)

Irrigation Replacement Project

You may have noticed work being done in the landscape areas at the entrance to our community. This is the start of a project that eventually will replace the aging irrigation systems. At the Board of Directors meeting of January 26, the Board authorized the expenditures for phase one of this project to cover the area from the Scottsdale Road entrance to Corva Drive. The work will consist of the replacement of the valves, irrigation lines (tubing), emitters and controllers.



March In the Garden

by Joe McDade

Winter Hangs Around

For the first time in four years, winter did not loosen its grip as our chilly winter weather continued through February as below normal temperatures and an abundance of rain (we received over 5 inches in the last three months) were the norm. However, unlike 2019, Bellasera was not covered in snow, nor did we have to endure a serious frost.

As We Move Into March...Think Positive!

As we enter into the month with the cold weather still at our heels, it is understandable if little attention is being paid to gardening or maintenance of our yards. However, be assured that winter will eventually lose its grip during March with the first whisper of spring. In the meantime, there are a number of important tasks you need to address starting with a **General Assessment** of your garden with two major things in mind: **Maintenance & Planting**.

Assess Your Garden

If you haven't done so yet, take a walk around your property and reacquaint yourself with your surroundings. Some things to pay attention to are as follows:

Frost Damage - We've had very little measurable frost this past winter and it appears we will emerge almost "**frost free**". You'll notice our frost sensitive landscape plants, such as **lantana**, are mostly intact and our flowering perennials such as **bougainvillea**, and **honeysuckle** continue to sparkle while our early bloomers such the **senna** and **penstemon** are lagging behind due to the cold weather. As we get rid of this cold air and warm up, your garden will really come alive.

Citrus should be starting to bud out along new leaf sprouts.

Mesquite Trees - We have a variety of mesquite here in Bellasera and they are quickly losing their leaves at various rates depending on species and exposure. You will find new leaf growth already on some, especially velvet mesquite.

Planting Needs - Even though most of our gardens here in Bellasera are mature, identify plants that should be replaced. This could be because they have died or are just not doing well due to wrong exposure, improper drainage or heat stress

Pruning

Shrubs, Groundcovers and Vines

March is the perfect time to prune these. Specifically, you should pay attention to:

Summer and fall flowering shrubs including: • *Texas Sages* • *Yellow Bells* • *Lantana* • *Turpentine Bush* • *Black Dalea* • *Mexican-honeysuckle* • *Sky Flower*

Warm-season herbaceous (that have no persistent woody stem above ground) perennials, groundcovers and vines including: • *Chocolate Flower* • *Plumbago* • *Mexican Hat* • *Gaura* • *Queen's Wreath* • *Mealy-cup Sage* • *Rock Verbena* • *Trailing Lantana* • *Dyssodia* • *Passion Vines* • *Yellow Orchid-vine*

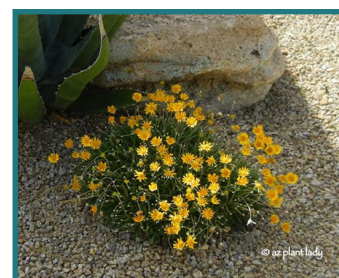
Prune by cutting back to emerging growth or to the basal rosette (group of leaves arranged from a central point).

Continue to deadhead annuals and herbaceous perennials to encourage continued flowering including **Desert Marigold**, **Red Sage**, **Angelita-Daisy** and **Gaillardia**.

Cactus Wait to prune your **prickly-pears** and **chollas** until after flowering. Spent stalks of **aloes**, **agaves** and other succulents can be removed at this time.



Black Dalea



Angelita Daisy

Miscellaneous

Fertilization - Now is the time to fertilize your warm-season cacti, succulents, herbaceous and woody perennials, and annuals in containers. Periodic fertilization may be needed for plants in containers as nutrients will have diminished in the soil over time. Depending on the type of fertilizer used, follow directions on the label.

Roses - Continue feeding roses every six weeks to prepare them for spring's peak bloom. Spread fresh mulch to maintain consistent soil moisture, making sure mulch does not touch their stems

Citrus - Do not prune citrus except to remove dead or damaged wood and branches obstructing pathways, views, or structures.

Rosemary - They are in a growth spurt and starting to bloom. Do not prune until they are finished blooming.

Drip System - As temperatures rise during the month of March, turn on your irrigation timer, test the timer to see if it is working properly and replace back-up batteries if necessary. Check for leaks and clogged emitters and flush out the poly lines.

Planting...Delay, But Not Too Long

March is normally a terrific month for adding most plant types to our low-desert landscapes as warming soil temperatures will enhance seed germination and root development before the arrival of summer's intense heat. You may want to delay your planting slightly as we await our warm weather remembering that you can plant into April. However, don't wait longer than necessary as our winter rains have left our soil very moist and full of nutrients.

It's the ideal time to enhance your landscape (Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, vines, perennials, cacti and other succulents etc.) and fill your requirements for vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Local nurseries should be well stocked with fresh offerings for the spring planting season to satisfy your needs. Choose plants based on their mature height and width, matching their size to the space available in your landscape. This advance planning eliminates unnecessary pruning

Some Planting Suggestions

Warm-season shrubs:

- *Yellow Bells* • *Desert Cotton* • *Sennas* • *Velvet-pod Mimosa* • *Texas Sage*
- *Fire Bush* • *Ruellia* • *Mexican Bush Sage* • *Sky Flower* • *Bird of Paradise species*

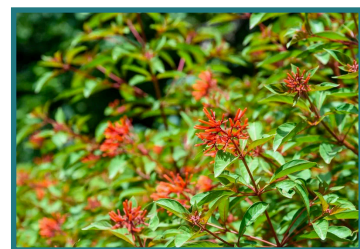
Warm-season herbaceous perennials:

- *Datura* • *Desert Four O'Clocks* • *Plumbago*
- *Wine Cups* • *Arizona Foldwing* • *Gaura* • *Hummingbird Trumpet*

Vines:

- *Queen's Wreath* • *Arizona Canyon Grape* • *Black Dalea*
- *Yucca* • *Passion Flowers* • *Slender Janusia*

Herbs: How about an herb garden to perk up your cooking? Herbs do very well here. Transplant *basil*, *bay*, *chamomile*, *chives*, *epazote*, *feverfew*, *lavender*, *lemon balm*, *lemon grass*, *lemon verbena*, *oregano*, *rosemary*, *sage* and *santolina*.



Fire Bush

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

Bellasera Classifieds

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 contact me! **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223**, audrey.fischer@azmoves.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.

LET THE SUNSHINE IN! - UPDATE YOUR HOME with new WINDOW COVERINGS. This month Hunter Douglas is offering a rebate on some of their most popular motorized shades. In addition you can also take advantage of the significant discounts offered to Bellasera residents by me, your neighbor, **Mike Alldredge**, owner of Array Shutters and Blinds. We also offer Custom Shutters, Outdoor Shades and Beautiful Draperies. Contact me at **602-622-7575**.

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.

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching, LLC, a home watching service exclusively for 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 email us at ddhomewatch@gmail.com.

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.

*Classified Ads are only accepted from Bellasera homeowners. Real estate for sale, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted. Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad. **Your ad will run for 3 months, and may be extended upon request. Ads are limited to 75 words. E-mail your ad to: editor@azbellasera.org***