

# BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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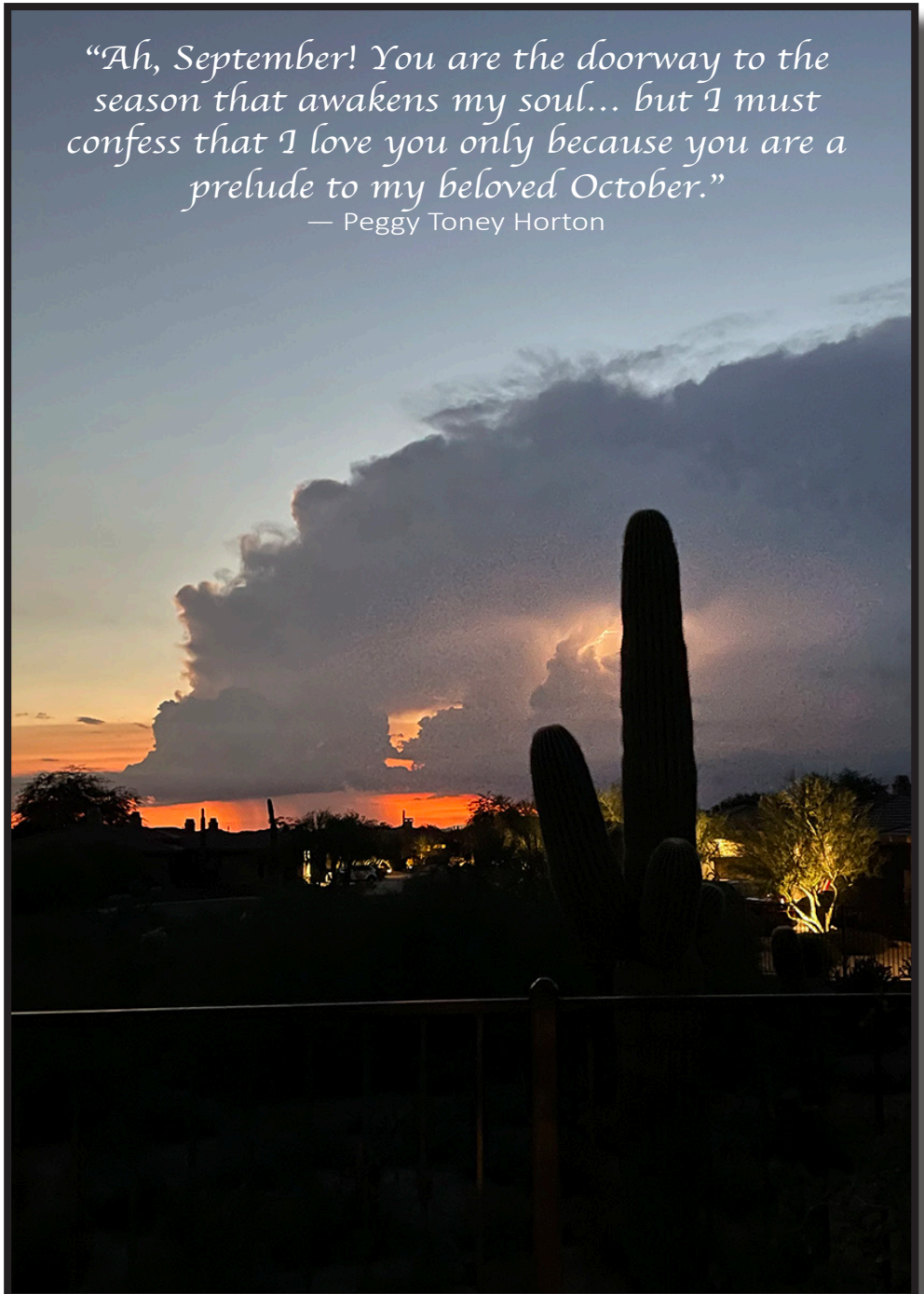
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*“Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul... but I must confess that I love you only because you are a prelude to my beloved October.”*

— Peggy Toney Horton



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# Clubhouse Corner

The Board of Directors meeting on August 25 heard comments regarding parking via e-mail and from residents attending the meeting. There are plans to make changes to the proposed parking regulation. A revised regulation addressing residents' concerns will be provided to all prior to the next Board meeting on September 22.

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Montezuma Castle National Monument - Camp Verde, AZ  
Photo by Paul Rippens

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Thursday, September 22** at **1:30 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 27** at **1:00 p.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, September 13** at **10:00 a.m.**

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

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **September 13** at **12:30 p.m.**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 8** at **12 noon**.

**Book Club:** 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, kkmooore40@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**.

**Snake Removal:** Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary, **602-550-1090**.

**Clubhouse Library News:** Thank you to everyone who has contributed books to our Bellasera Library! So many recent "best sellers" have been generously donated. When returning books, if you cannot take the time to reshelve them (fiction is alphabetized) --- please simply leave them on the "sink" counter. The "cabinets" also hold many choices for your consideration. Thanks again for supporting our clubhouse library.---**Lena**

**September Wine and Cheese:** Unfortunately, we will not have a Wine and Cheese event in September. We desperately need hosts. At this point we have no hosts signed up starting in January. If you are interested in hosting one of the Wine and Cheese events, please contact **Tom or Dianna Saari, 408-218-5424, tksaari@aol.com**. We look forward to hopefully seeing you in October. Have a great rest of the summer.

**Water Aerobics:** There will be no regularly scheduled Water Aerobics classes for the month of September.

**Water Saving:** With heightened water conservation needs, Scottsdale Water is asking residents, businesses and HOAs not to overseed lawns this fall.



## Weather and General Information

### Bellasera Weather at a Touch

**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](mailto:editor@azbellasera.org)

### July & August Weather in Bellasera

(July 1 - July 31 & August 1 - August 30)

Highest Temperatures: July: **112 degrees** ---- August: **108 degrees**

Lowest temperatures: July: **69 degrees** ---- August: **70 degrees**

Rainfall: July: **3.19 inches** ---- August **3.10 inches**

Rainfall this year: **7.80 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org)

The 2.24 inches of rain on July 30 was the heaviest one-day total since the “big one” on July 31, 2007 when over 3.30 inches of rain fell here. During this storm the wash overflowed the bridge across Balao Drive, just east of the intersection with Brisa Drive, making the road impassable for several hours.

This year the 24 mph sustained wind velocity during the July 30 storm was the highest ever recorded on the Bellasera weather station.

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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](mailto: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**. 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**.

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**Web Site Search:** Bellasera’s web site, [azbellasera.org](http://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](http://azbellasera.org:rain) After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

# SEPTEMBER 2022

## Bellsera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Yoga - 8:30 am	2	3
4	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Yoga - 8:30 am	6 Poker - 7:00 pm	7	8 Yoga - 8:30 am	9	10
11	12 Yoga - 8:30 am	13 Building & Grounds - 10 am Modifications Committee - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	14 Communica-tions commit-tee - 8:30 am	15 Yoga - 8:30 am	16	17
18	19 Yoga - 8:30 am	20 Poker - 7:00 pm	21	22 Yoga - 8:30 am Board Meeting - 1:30 pm	23	24
25	26 <b>Rosh Hashana</b> Yoga - 8:30 am	27 Budget & Finance - 1:00 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	28	29 Yoga - 8:30 am	30	

## Bellasera Rules Reminders

Activity room and kitchen (Scheduled time of the event only): Fee: \$500.00, plus a \$300.00 refundable security deposit to pay for the cost of any damage to the facility as determined in the sole discretion of the Association's Community Manager.

Outside of building and grassy area (Scheduled time of the event only.)

Exclusive use of this area is not guaranteed.) Fee: \$75.00

Pool area (Scheduled time of the event only.)

Exclusive use of this area is not guaranteed.) Fee: \$75.00

No glass is permitted in pool area.

Use of any of the above areas the day before or the day after the scheduled times of the event (i.e. cleanup or setup the previous afternoon or the next morning) have additional fees (SEE BELOW).

Activity room and kitchen: Fee: \$50.00

Outside of building and grassy area: Fee: \$50.00

Any special requests must be outlined in writing.

The Community Manager will inspect the contracted-for areas the following workday. Any costs incurred as a result of damage will be charged to the owner's Association account and will be subject to all of the collection rights of the Association as would apply to any regular Association assessment.

Member agrees and acknowledges that the Association will incur liability if the Community is made available to the general public. Member agrees and understands that the event shall be private. Attendees shall be limited to the Member and Member's immediate guests. Only persons reflected on an immediate guest list, submitted by Member to Community Manager no less than two business days prior to Event, shall be allowed to enter the Community.

(Source: Facilities Reservation Form, azbellasera.org)

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## Help Scottsdale Save Money

I recently met with **John Stumbaugh**, Scottsdale Solid Waste Program Senior Representative, regarding what residents can do to save Scottsdale money by not putting items that can be recycled into the garbage cans or leaving them on the curb for bulk trash pickup.

John pointed out that it costs the city of Scottsdale money to dump trash in the landfill, but the city receives revenue from its contracted recycler for all of the city's recycling material. Scottsdale saves money by not dumping recyclables into the landfill, but actually makes money from separating the recycling items.

All of us can cooperate and save Scottsdale money (and our tax dollars) by putting cardboard and all recyclables into the mauve cans and not in the black garbage cans. Do not put recyclables by the curb for pickup by the bulk trash truck, since that truck brings things to the dump, not the recycling contractor.

If items are too large for your recycle can, please consider cutting them down so they fit into the container.

Let's all participate in keeping Bellasera and Scottsdale special.---**Carol Padwe**

## Who Is AAM?

Founded in 1990, Bellasera's Management Company, AAM, has grown to be the largest HOA management company in Arizona and one of the largest nationwide. AAM's physical footprint includes 17 regional offices distributed across 11 states with a workforce of over 920 professionals. AAM recently welcomed the 1,000th community to its nationwide portfolio, which represents more than 250,000 homes.

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Sandy Simmons photograph





# September in the Garden

by Joe McDade

## Lush, Green and Colorful!

### The Monsoon Has Awakened Our Desert And Brought Life To Your Garden

For the second year in a row, our monsoon has exceeded expectations giving us a welcome break from the summer doldrums as well as rejuvenating our entire landscape. If you take a walk around your garden, you'll find most of your plants flush with growth and needing attention. Just take a look at your trees, they are greener and bigger! More importantly, the monsoon will have a huge, positive impact on our **fall planting and provide.....**



### A Smooth Transition Into Fall Planting

Normally, September slowly ushers in fall with cooling nighttime temperatures to help your plants recover from the heat of the summer. However, this year, your garden has been given a head start as the monsoon has not only provided cooler temperatures but much needed moisture and nutrients for your plants and trees to shake off any effects of our summer heat. And, just as important, the ground

will be soft and receptive to fall planting.

### Fall Planting - General Guidelines

**Evaluate Your Garden:** After a long, hot summer, take a look at your landscape to decide what works and what doesn't. What do you need to replace? What do you need to add?

**Site Selection:** This is the key to growing non-native plants here in the Sonoran desert. The sun will be getting farther and farther south each day. A site on the North side of a wall with half-day light now will be in more shade later. Plants need at least six to eight hours of sun to perform properly.

**Timing:** Planting is not as hard on the plants if you wait until the night temperature falls in the 70's to do your plantings as it will be less stressful for root systems to establish and plants don't need as much water to survive. October is considered prime planting time for us in the low-desert. However, if you start planting in mid-September, you should still monitor plants for signs of water stress.

**Note:** Most all of our landscaping in Bellasera was initially put in by landscapers 20 plus years ago and I'm sure everything was not planted in an optimal spot. So, if that's the case, I encourage you to move it! Also, plants do have a lifespan.

### What to Plant

**Desert-Adapted Landscape Plants-** *Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials, cacti and succulents* can all be planted this month, after Sept. 15. Early fall planting allows roots to become established in warm soils before cold nighttime temperatures set in. Just be aware of their potential mature height and width, allowing room to grow without interference or unnecessary pruning to keep them in bounds.

**Vegetables-**Yes, you can grow vegetables here in Bellasera. If you have the inclination, energy and time, try these: ●Carrots ●Beets ●Green Onions ●Radishes ●Garlic ●Lettuce (head)

●Endive Lettuce (leaf) ●Cabbage ●Cauliflower ●Broccoli

**NOTE:** The specific dates as to **when to plant** and how (**seeds or transplants**) can be found in the September 2021 newsletter which is archived at: [www.azbellasera.org](http://www.azbellasera.org).



## Pruning

As mentioned above, the monsoon has resulted in substantial growth in your garden, especially trees and shrubs which are going to require pruning. Consider the following:

**Trees-** There are traditional schedules for pruning native trees, e.g - Summer is the best time to prune fast-growing, drought-tolerant trees, both native and imports, including **Palo Verde, Mesquite, Willow Acacia, and Palo brae**. The winter is an excellent time to prune deciduous trees because they lose their leaves and it is easier to see the branch structure when making the cuts. **However, it is safe to prune all of your trees in the fall**, so prune where necessary.

**Shrubs** – For September only, I would simply recommend that you assess all of your shrubs and prune where necessary to control plant size (they may have substantial overgrowth) and remove any dead branches or overcrowding stems.

### Miscellaneous Tasks For September

**Fertilization-**This is the month for that last application of fertilizer before cold weather arrives. Use a low nitrogen formula so as to prevent excessive new growth. Plants need a chance to harden off to prepare for the cold as new growth will likely freeze with the onset of a frost.

**Freshen Up Roses-** Prepare rosebushes for their second bloom cycle. Just as new growth begins to appear, remove any dead or damaged canes. Lightly trim weak top growth. Remove suckers that arise from below the bud union (a raised bump where the variety and rootstock are grafted) because they waste the plant's energy and will not produce desired blooms. Do not remove more than one-third of the total bush. Feed with a slow-release fertilizer to last through fall.

**Weeds-** Unfortunately, our monsoon will cause weeds to sprout which will compete with garden plants for moisture, nutrients, and sunlight. So, please pull them.

**Watering-** Keep an eye on the temperatures and be prepared to adjust your watering schedules. If it is one of those years where it is still above 100° and the nights are still hot, hold off on the water cutbacks until early October.

**Citrus-** If you did not do so in August, fertilize with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirement.

**Mesquites Trees-** If they survived the monsoon, it's a great time to prune them because they had their spring and summer growth and will now hold their prune for more of the calendar year.

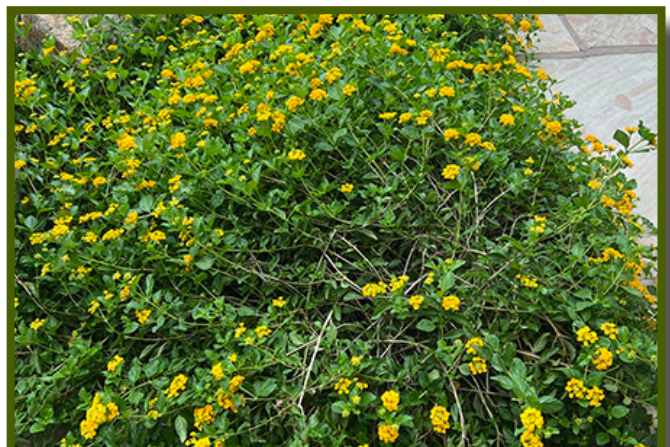
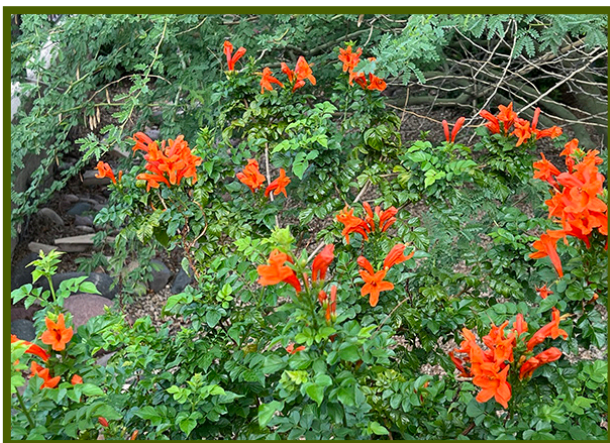
**Monitor Agaves-** Check your agaves and, if any have collapsed into a rotted mess, they were infested by agave snout weevils earlier in the year. Although it is too late to save them, you can control the weevils' spread to nearby agaves by digging up and disposing of the rotten plant material and surrounding soil; this will remove any eggs or larvae. Adults are dusty black weevils about one inch long, with a long snout. They do not have wings. Larvae are similar to white grubs without legs.

### Warm Season Annual Flower Beds

While you can consider replacing them with cool season annuals, I would wait until October as your summer flowers have probably been revitalized by the monsoon. I'll have recommendations next month.

### Football Season Has Finally Arrived!

(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.

**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**.

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**.

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**

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.

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- \$1200. Phone, **520-730-9812**. Located in Bellasera.

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**.

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**.

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Please remember that the speed limit in Bellasera is 25 miles per hour and the stop sign means to stop!

