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SPRINGTIME, 25 MPH, ANNUAL MEETING

By Chuck Roach, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

I'm sitting at my desk with the windows wide open and a cool breeze blowing through my home.

Ah.....spring is almost upon us! I hope all of you who are here in Bellasera are enjoying this beautiful weather and all that it brings with it-the wild animals, green flora and the smells of the desert. That's why I moved out here from the City!

A couple of requests from our residents I'd like to share with you. First of all, please remember to obey all the traffic rules while you're driving around the community, which includes stopping at all stop signs and driving at no more than 25 miles per hour. Also, one of our residents has had some vandalism at his home so be on the lookout for anyone who is acting suspiciously.

Our Annual Meeting will take place in the morning on Saturday, April 25 so please mark your calendar and join us. The Budget and Finance Committee along with our Community Manager and the Board are working on the proposed budget for next year, which will be presented at the meeting. Hope you're havin' a great day!

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Starting March 2, water aerobics will start at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 11:00 a.m on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

MONDAY NIGHT YOGA

Experience the amazing benefits of Hatha Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life!

Come to Monday night Yoga! It's from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Beginners welcome! Class fee \$10. - first class free. NO CLASS - March 16 & 30.

Questions? Contact **Marci Sheer**, **480-488-3426**, youryogamarci@gmail.com.

JAZZERCISE ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Jazzercise now every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** morning at **9:30 a.m.** in the clubhouse.

Fee is \$35 per month (on Electronic Funds Transfer - directly from checking or credit card) or \$85 for 2 months. There's also a one-time joining fee of \$35. For more information please contact **Monica Bauer**, Jazzercise of Cave Creek, **602-315-5586** (cell) or **480-585-9440** (home).

BELLASERA HIKERS

On Wednesday, February 18, the Bellasera Hikers hiked the Gateway Loop Trail in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This trail took the group into the interior of the preserve and presented several great views. The weather was perfect and we were greeted with our first poppy of the season. We look forward to a wonderful wildflower season.

The March hike is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19**. We will return to the 1st Water Trailhead in the Superstition Mountains and hike to Hackberry Springs. I have not hiked to Hackberry Springs, but a fellow volunteer at Pinnacle Peak Park knows the trail and has agreed to accompany us. This trail is about 5 miles long with a total elevation gain of about 700 feet. The interesting characteristic of this trail is that we should find water and some different vegetation. And the flowers should be out!

As usual, we will meet at the clubhouse parking area at **9:00 a.m.** It will be getting warmer, so remember water and sunscreen. We will plan to have a trail lunch at the spring.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on **Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.**, and discuss "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan. Please note we have moved our meeting to Thursday evenings. More information: **Maureen Simpson**, **480-575-7693**, maureen-simpson@cox.net.

GOLF

This month golf will be held each Tuesday at Dove Valley. Tee times are:

March 3: 9:42 a.m.

March 10 9:34 a.m.

March 17 9:34 a.m.

March 24 9:02 a.m.

March 31 9:02 a.m.

Anyone interested in playing with this fun group, please contact **Ellen Bornstein**, embornstein7@gmail.com, **480-575-9848**.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Bunko - Continued high rollers and winners for the most Bunko's, most wins and most losses. Sign up sheet for the next BUNKO - **March 10, 7 p.m.** New players are welcome. \$5 per player.

Luncheons, Noon - Separate checks are provided to all who attend.

February 26 - Enjoyed by 15 lunch guests at Bobby's at Kierland.

Thursday, March 26 - Uncle Louie's in the AJ's center. Sign up at clubhouse or call **Joanne Anetsberger, 480-595-2472, anetsaz@aol.com**

Disco Fever or the 70's Night was enjoyed in February - food, decorations and dress of the disco era were highlighted. Several went all out in 70's dress that fit right in with the album decorations and disco lights. All generations partook in the fun. With help from a professional dance instructor, we refreshed or learned The Hustle, the Electric Slide and a fun "Chicken Dance" group dance. Our DJ spun a few tunes further back in time to dance to the 50's. Based on Saturday night's dance popularity, we may host a 50's celebration during next year's roster of events. Photos from the event may be enjoyed on azbellasera.org.

Special thanks to **Roger Deane** for DJ'ing and providing the incredible sound equipment.



Special Event **Saturday March 14, 6 p.m.** Annual St. Patrick's Dinner.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Sign up sheet at the clubhouse. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and enjoy a fun night out. Thanks very much for making these events a great success!

Next Social Committee meeting is **March 10, 6 p.m.** If you have suggestions for events or have an interest in helping, please contact **Suzanne Guyan, 480-575-1975**, or attend our monthly meeting. The 2009 Planning session will be held on Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - noon, at Suzanne's home.

BELLASERA BIGGEST LOSER

It has begun, but it is not too late to join the 'losers.' You may lose as little or as much as you want. As a group we meet every **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** to weigh in and work towards our goal to lose weight and be fit. Program ends on May 16. Contact **Suzanne Guyan, guyan1@msn.com, 480-575-1975** for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

New Bellasera Residents

We'd like to give a warm welcome to **Paul** and **Vicki Snyder** who joined the Bellasera community in January.

They previously resided in north central Phoenix for over 30 years and are looking forward to becoming part of our community.

They own a small business in Phoenix (Snyder Promotional Products) which we will feature in the April newsletter.

New Business Based in Bellasera

Do you own a Marriott Vacation ClubSM timeshare? **Pam Keystone**, full-time resident here in Bellasera, is the owner of The Art of Vacationing, LLC. Developed exclusively with Marriott[®] timeshare owners in mind, the company takes all the confusion out of planning timeshare vacations so that you can maximize your investment. Personalized Vacation Ownership Planning and Trip Planning services are offered, as well as a comprehensive website full of insider information and owner networking opportunities.

"I am offering my time and expertise to you so that you don't have to spend your valuable time working the system just to go on vacation."

For information on how **Pam** can help you, call **480-629-5559**, **Pam@TheArtofVacationing.com** or visit **www.TheArtofVacationing.com**.

Got a news item you'd like to share with the community?

Or if you're a resident with a small business, we'll publish a one-time story about your enterprise.

*E-mail yours to **editor@azbellasera.org**, drop off at clubhouse office, or FAX to **815-333-2268**.*

Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission.

MEETING NOTICES



Board of Directors will meet for a study session on **Thursday, March 12**, and for their regular meeting on **Thursday, March 26**. Both meetings begin at **7 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 3**, at **6 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 25**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 10** at **2:30 p.m.** if there are applications to review. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday, March 5**, to be eligible for review at this meeting.

Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, at **6 p.m.**

A Remedy For Weeds

A strong recommendation for controlling weeds consists of a two part system. The first component of our system is the treatment of the existing weeds, followed by the second component which is the prevention of any further weed germination.

The treatment of existing weeds is accomplished by the application of a broad spectrum systemic herbicide, i.e. Roundup. This type of herbicide attacks the weed and kills it all the way down to the root. Just spot spray the leaves of the weed and allow the herbicide several days to take effect. So the weeds, in many cases, are killed in just one application, but you must be diligent about applying herbicide to any new growth as it is seen, this way you get rid of them while they are small.

Weed prevention is achieved by applying a Pre-Emergent herbicide to all landscaped planter bed areas. This application prevents seeds from most foreign grasses and broadleaf weeds from germinating. In order for the Pre-Emergent to be effective, however, it must be watered into the soil. Once the existing weeds are eliminated the Pre-Emergent prevents new weeds from germinating.

Now Is The Time

To consider being a Bellasera volunteer. Several residents have spent many years as committee and Board members, and are ready to 'pass the baton' to others in the community.

This April, the Modifications Committee will need three new members, the Communications Committee is looking to fill a vacancy, and four members of the Board of Directors will be elected.

It's a short commute to a meeting, you'll enjoy working with some new Bellasera residents, and the best part — know that you're contributing your part to the community. Will you volunteer...now?

Board and Committee application forms, along with a description of each group, are available in the clubhouse as well as on the web site, azbellasera.org.



MARCH IN THE GARDEN

—By *Pauline Marx, Arizona Master Gardener*

It's time to plant and prune. So, early this month, take a trip to a garden center and make your selections for spring planting. To help you, I'll provide some recommendations and tips on planting as well as pruning.

Plant Selection

Flowers- Attempt to get the healthiest looking annuals such as:

- Celosia
- Gaillardia
- Globe amaranth
- Lisianthus
- Madagascar periwinkle
- Marigold
- Portulaca

Roses- It's time to plant container grown and bare root roses. Fertilize established roses every six weeks.

Fruit Trees- They grow well in the valley. You should try:

- Grapefruits
- Lemons
- Pummelo hybrids such as *Melogold* or *Oroblanco*.
- Sweet oranges such as *Mars*, *Trovita* or *Valencia*.

Dwarf varieties will grow well here and produce normal size fruit and take up less room in your yard. Remember, in Bellasera, you need to plant these in you backyard.

Cactus- You can plant all types of cacti and succulents. In addition to purchasing them from a nursery, they can be easily propagated from existing plants via cuttings or offshoots. Simply allow the cactus cuts to become dry and callous or hardened before planting. This usually takes two to three weeks. The exceptions to this are agave, yucca and aloe cuttings which should be planted immediately.

Planting Tips

A critical step in planting is to properly remove plants from the nursery pots. You should follow the following procedures which are different for small to medium pots and large pots.

Small to Medium Pots

1. Lay the pot on its side and roll it back and forth while placing pressure on the side of the pot.
2. Turn the pot upside down while holding one hand across the top of the root ball.
3. Carefully slide the plant out.

If it doesn't come out, repeat the process.

Large Pots

1. Lay the plant down onto its side.
2. Using a sharp utility knife, cut the bottom of the container around the circumference.
3. Gently lower the plant with the container into the hole, not letting the root ball fall through the bottom of the container.
4. Using a utility knife, cut the side of the container from top to bottom and carefully remove the container from the root ball.
5. Do not damage, loosen or alter the root ball unless the plant is root bound. If the plant is root bound (the roots are growing in a circle around the bottom of the pot), cut these roots about 3 inches apart. This will encourage the plant to put out new roots in their new soil.

Pruning

Once all danger of frost is past, usually March 15, prune winter-damaged branches from bougainvillea, lantana, and other frost tender plants.

Do not be impatient! If you prune too early, late freezes, cold and drying winds can be devastating to tender new growth.

Remove side buds on hybrid tea roses and center buds on flouribundas.

Questions about plants? Call (480-575-0404) or e-mail (PlantPerson@cox.net) me.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR—MARCH 2009

| Sunday 1 | Monday 2 | Tuesday 3 | Wednesday 4 | Thursday 5 | Friday 6 | Saturday 7 |
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| Brush & Bulk Collection Week | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m. | Golf 9:42 a.m. Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. Building & Grounds 6 p.m. | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | Jazzercise 9:30 a.m. | Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. | Biggest Loser 9:30 a.m. |
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****BELLASERA CLASSIFIEDS****

Bellasera home, Opala model for rent. Full year rental preferred; seasonal rental possible. Furnished, if required. Please call **Gail** or **Phil**, **972-410-0730**.

In this space, next month, your money-making ad!

Got something *to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.?* Do business within the community. Send in a classified ad — it's free.

E-mail yours to **editor@azbellasera.org**, or FAX to **815-333-2268**.

Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; ad copy limited to 25 words if space is limited; real estate for sale, business or commercial ads not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

FEBRUARY WEATHER IN BELLASERA

(February 1—February 25)

Highest temperature: **77**

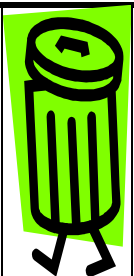
Lowest temperature: **35**

Rainfall: **2.00 inches**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have 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**, **480-330-7109**.

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CITY OF SCOTTSDALE BRUSH & BULK COLLECTION

The city of Scottsdale will pick up **brush and bulk items** in the Bellasera area during **the week of Monday, March 2**, and the week of **Monday, March 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.

For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

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