

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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From the Editor:

Happy Hanukkah & Merry Christmas from the International House of Newsletters.

To use the vernacular of the day, a "shout out" to just a few of the many individuals who make Bellasera a great place to live:

- **Amber Barney, Mike Mallaci, Michael Meindl, Keven Peterson, Chuck Tatson.** Our Securitas professionals who inhabit the guard house, and make us feel welcome when we enter the main gate. Special recognition to them for navigating the learning curve during the implementation of the community's new security system this year.
- **Viola Lanam** and **Sharon Foxworth** of AAM, LLC who occupy the clubhouse corner office, and efficiently manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association.
- **Pauline Marx**, who faithfully provides the monthly garden column for this newsletter, with the able assistance of Communications Committee member **Joe McDade**, who edits the column each month.
- Bellasera residents who volunteer as Board and committee members. Kudos to all those folks on page 9 who devote their time and talent to help make Bellasera run smoothly.
- All residents who make regular or periodic contributions to this monthly epistle. I'd name them all, but this senior's fading memory would likely forget far too many. I appreciate the timely submission of newsletter copy each month.

It's my wish that 2011 will be the best year of your life.

--**Keith Christian**

Streets, Gate Keypad

—**By Dennis Carson**

At newsletter deadline, cold weather has forced a change to the planned schedule for resurfacing of some of our streets. The best way to keep informed is by making sure your e-mail address is included on the 'blasts' that are sent. [See page 2 for more information.](#)

The sink hole on Ponte Bella has been repaired. You may have noticed there were a number of patches to the pavement in the areas to be seal coated. Some of our streets are over 10 years old, and the base under some areas settled or shifted causing the pavement to crack to the point where replacement was necessary. I'm aware these repairs have taken a long time to get done, and I appreciate everyone's patience.

The keypad at the front gate has now been relocated to the guest lane but it is not yet operational. I anticipate that I will be able to announce the activation of the keypad in the near future. Once the keypad becomes operational, we will send out a notice of the hours that the keypad will be operational, and instructions on how to manage the assignment of individual codes on the QuickPass website. We will keep everyone advised as this progresses.

This is the final Newsletter for the year 2010, so now is a good time to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and a happy new year.

Dennis Carson, dmcarsen@q.com, is President of the Bellasera Board of Directors.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, December 9**, at **6 p.m.**

Budget and Finance Committee will meet on **Thursday, December 9**, at **1:30 p.m.**

Building and Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 7**, at **4 p.m.**

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 14**, at **3 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, December 9**, at **12 noon.**

Social Committee will meet on **Sunday, December 19**, at **10 a.m.**

Electronic Information Distribution

We're well aware timely news of interest to residents often occurs between monthly newsletters. When this happens, an e-mail 'blast' is sent to all residents with an e-mail address in the July 2010 resident directory, and others who have asked to be included on the list,

Another e-mail list is maintained for those wishing to receive the approved Board of Directors meeting minutes.

A third list is for those getting this monthly newsletter via e-mail.

If you'd like to be added to any or all of the above distributions, please send an e-mail to **editor@azbellasera.org**. The address you provide will not be visible to any of the other recipients, and will not be used for any other purpose.

If you've been getting the messages, and newsletter, in the past, no action is required.

Newsletter Copy 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, 480-463-4745**.

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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, December 6**, with the next pickup the week of **January 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. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics continues on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**, now from **11 a.m. to 12 noon**. Water is heated to 82 degrees. If you care to join us, call **Janet, 480-488-0259**, for a DVD of underwater camera shots.

Beginners Yoga

Judith Zeiger is teaching a Beginners Yoga class each **Monday** from **9:45 a.m.** until **10:45 a.m.** in the clubhouse. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith, 480-575-7286, jazeiger@cox.net**. Come to yoga and then join the Water Aerobics group right after yoga.

Brown Bag Book Club

We will not be meeting in December. Our selection for January is "*Candy Bombers*" by **Andrei Cherny**. It's about the Berlin airlift and America's finest hour. Happy Holidays everyone and see you in January. **kkmoore@sbcglobal.net**.

Bible Study

If you are interested in participating in a non-denominational Bible Study group, (to meet once a month in my home), please call **Lena Junker, 480-219-4943**, or e-mail, **JunkerLL@msn.com**.

Italian Conversation Group

Meets on **Monday, December 6, 7 p.m.**, at the home of **Janet Biondo**, for anyone interested in practicing or improving their Italian. For additional information contact **Janet, 480-488-0259**.

Hikers

Last Month we had a great hike along the Dixie Mine trail in the McDowell Regional Park. We hiked about 5.5 miles in beautiful hiking weather. In addition to the mine site, we hiked a bit farther and ate lunch beneath a rock wall loaded with petro glyphs. For those who were unable to join us, you missed a good one. Perhaps we can repeat this hike in the early spring!

For December I have chosen to repeat a hike on the Overton trail in the Cave Creek Regional Park. Perhaps, we will hike the trail in the counter-clockwise direction to get a different view of this trail. The trail is fairly short, so we will plan on a trail snack along the way. After the hike, we can share a Christmas lunch. I am thinking of lunch at the Blue Burger at the Summit. However, I am open to other suggestions. Just drop me an e-mail with your thoughts.

Selecting a date for this hike is a problem. I am writing from Denver and will not return until December 8 (depending on road conditions). Along with working around known conflicts and the Christmas holiday activities, I have selected **Monday, December 20**, for the hike. I hope this works for most of the group. Please mark your calendars.

We will meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the clubhouse. Watch for further information. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, or, you can send me an e-mail at **dgbobb@cox.net** to let me know if you can join us.

Don Bowman, 480-948-9814.

November Weather In Bellasera

(November 1—November 29)

Highest temperature: **80**

Lowest temperature: **31**

Rainfall this month: 0.24 inch

Since January 1: **14.57 inches.**

Social Committee Activities

3rd Annual Adopt a Family

The Bellasera Social committee has once again made arrangements to "Adopt a Family" for Christmas. We are adopting two families: a total of 13 people we hope to help make their Christmas special this year!

How can you help?

Prior to December 12 go to the clubhouse and pick an "Angel" off the tree. Each Angel on the tree has a holiday wish on it from a member of the families we have adopted. Write your name on the log next to the tree so we'll know who has each Angel. Purchase the gift and bring it unwrapped to the clubhouse prior to December 17.

Then if you'd like please join us on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon for a "gift wrapping extravaganza" and to share some holiday cheer in the Bellasera community room.

If you want to help but can't make it to the clubhouse to choose an Angel - call **Marci Sheer, 480-488-3426**, and she'll arrange to get an angel for you.

Thank you for participating in making the holidays bright for these needy families.



New Year's Day Brunch

Saturday, January 1, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Full Course Catered Buffet Meal is offered at \$10 per person. Reservations are required by the sign-up sheet at the clubhouse. Payment will be at the door. Please join your neighbors in welcoming in the NEW YEAR and enjoy a fully catered buffet:

Main course - Chicken with Artichoke and Capers in White Wine Sauce and Beef Stroganoff over Buttered Noodles.

Side dish - Rosemary roasted potatoes, sautéed green beans with butter

Assorted appetizers and desserts. Coffee and non-alcoholic beverages provided. BYO wine, champagne.

Live entertainment is also being provided this year.

NO monthly luncheon this month. In its place is an afternoon at the Talking Stick Casino.

Committee meeting - **Sunday, December 19, 10 a.m.**

Talking Stick Casino

Come one, come all! People all over the country are talking about visiting Arizona's premier Casino - "The Talking Stick Resort" and we've made arrangements for Bellasera residents to enjoy a fantabulous weekday buffet lunch (you can't believe how delicious the food is) priced at only \$13.95 per person (you'll be amazed at the value!)

COUPLES ARE ABSOLUTELY WELCOME

THIS WILL BE A FUN AND EXCITING DAY! JOIN US!

Date: **December 9**

Time: **12:00** (meet at Bellasera's Clubhouse at **11:00 a.m.**)

Sign-up sheet at the clubhouse.

Call **Marcia Lefkowitz, 480-595-7738**, for more information.

Welcome New Residents

The year 2010 brought 32 new residents to Bellasera. We welcome each and every one. Their names, street of residence, and move-in date are listed below.

Gregg Dittoe, Moura Drive, on January 19
Daniel & Lynn Wilson, Visao Drive, on March 15
Tony & Andrea Bagneschi, 77th Way, on March 15
Linda Garmany, Corva Drive, on March 15
Dennis & Mary Soeffner, 77th Way, on March 23
Richard & Gail Gerstner, Visao Drive, on April 26
Eugene & Caryn Hollander, Visao Drive, on May 28
Marilyn Lillienfeld, Visao Drive, on June 14
Gerald & Lois Olsen, 74th Way, on June 27
Carol Coltman, Visao Drive, on June 28
Rickey & Christine Williams, 78th Place, on June 28
Glenna Salisbury, Visao Drive, on July 1
Anita & Rod Gilde, Visao Drive, on July 26
Kentner & Julie Walker, Ponte Bella Drive, on July 30
Rob & Jody Wilson, 77th Way, on August 27
George & Gwendolyn Ready, Pasaro Drive, on September 20
Richard & Kristie Hoffman, Visao Drive, on October 12
Karen Benson & Illana Woolf, Corva Drive, on October 12
EJ Szkaradnik, Visao Drive, on October 21
(Data provided by AAM, LLC — Bellasera's management company)

Pilates

Kick off the New Year with a Strong, Healthy Body! Announcing the Third Session of Pilates! Here is your opportunity to increase your core strength, stability (GREAT for golfers and tennis players!), improve your posture, flexibility, balance and coordination, and improve your muscular strength, tone and endurance. Pilates also prevents injury and relieves stress and back pain; it converts body fat into lean, long, toned muscles. Pilates is a gentle but extremely effective exercise program, TAILORED TO ANY FITNESS LEVEL, AND IS IDEAL FOR ANY AGE.

"Dear Dona, I am writing to let you know just how much I appreciate the Pilates classes as they have been paramount in my program for getting into shape. The core exercises are great for my lower back, which has been giving me issues for years. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to be involved in your class."

Greg Zimmerman, President, G.M. Zimmerman Architectural Design

"As a new resident of Bellasera, I was elated about the Pilates course offered so close to home. I had never tried Pilates, and so far, have attended 10 classes. I can already feel the benefits of more agility, flexibility and strength. I am very pleased with Dona's attention to each student's level of fitness and progress, and her ability to challenge us when we are ready to be challenged. I will definitely continue with the next session! You could say I am hooked on Pilates! My 75 yr old mother and 24 yr old niece were guests of two classes and both enjoyed them immensely. Pilates is for all ages. Come join the fun, get healthy and fit, age gracefully...and you don't even have to leave your community!"

Missy Surges

As a beginner, I was fearful that the intermediate classes might not be a good fit for me. Dona helps each of us to achieve a comfortable personal level, in line with our own ability. I'm looking forward to the next series of classes.

Sandra Lynch

Next session: January 3 - 29, 2011. Mondays and Wednesdays @ 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. for 12 classes in total. 12.50/class if signing up for 10 or more. 15.00/class for less than 10 classes, or drop-ins. Please contact Instructor **Dona Perreault** to sign up as soon as possible. Maximum of 10 students accepted. Dona's e-mail: dperreau@telus.net.



December in the Garden

—By *Pauline Marx*

Our low temperatures last week should have convinced you that winter is upon us. Our change in season provides ideal conditions to perform a variety of garden tasks that include planting and pruning as well as monitoring the weather and harvesting citrus. So, let's review some of our garden chores for December.

Planting/Harvesting

Citrus- Continue to harvest citrus, testing for sweetness. If small fruit size is noticed it may be due to heavy fruit set or the weather. Lack of normal rainfall during the mid-summer period can influence fruit size. Citrus fruit growth is greater as a response to rain versus a similar amount of irrigation.

Roses- New rose catalogs should be out this month and bare root plants are available at nurseries. Plant bare root roses in a 2 foot by 2 foot hole that is well amended with organic matter.

Miscellaneous- Some additional items to consider planting this month are:

- Cool-hardy trees, shrubs and vines.
- Cool season vegetables, annuals, perennials and bulbs.
- Bare root deciduous fruit trees. Select varieties that require less than 400 hours of chilling. Your local nursery can help you find those.

Pruning

Now is a good time to start thinning, pruning, and reshaping many of our desert trees such as mesquite, palo verde, acacia, and other deciduous trees. Tree sap has moved down into the root system making it the most desirable time to thin and prune. Some guidelines:

- Remove touching branches that cross over each other and limbs that rub against structures and neighboring trees.
- Thin overall to decrease the trees susceptibility to wind damage.

December is also a good time to prune Texas sage, roses and other desert and deciduous shrubs.

Do not prune frost sensitive plants such as bougainvillea and hibiscus.

Weather

Temperature- Monitor weather forecasts for possible freezes and be prepared to protect frost tender plants. Wrap young citrus and other frost tender trees with cloth, cardboard, or layers of newspapers, never plastic. Leave them wrapped until the danger of frost is over.

Rain- December is one of our rainiest months and rain is vital for the success of your trees. If rains are abundant or occur regularly, established desert trees will not need supplemental irrigation.

Grass

For those of you with winter grass, be aware of fungal disease which usually results from too much water. If conditions have encouraged fungal disease to get started, the increasing temperatures of late winter will cause it to flourish. Prevent these problems by watering your lawn early in the morning (two or three hours before dawn) while the weather is cooler.

Lastly, a holiday tip: Christmas tree trunks need a fresh cut to promote water uptake before being put in the Christmas tree stand.

Bellasera resident **Pauline Marx** is an Arizona Master Gardener.

(In the future, if you wish to ask a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at **602-470-8086**)

Community Calendar—December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Pilates 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah begins-sunset		Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Pilates 9:30 a.m.
5 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	6 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Italian Group 7 p.m.	7 Building & Grounds 4 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.	8 Fitness 7 a.m. Communications 8:30 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	9 Casino, 11 a.m. Budget & Finance 2:30 p.m. Board Meeting 6 p.m. Hanukkah ends-sunset	10 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	11
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26	27 Fitness 7 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	28 Poker 7 p.m.	29 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	30	31 Fitness 7 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	1 2011 New Years Day Brunch 11:30 a.m.

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I'm looking for medium to large sized baskets, with or without handles, that are in good condition. If you have some that you can't use please call **Anna Ingram, 480-595-0123**. Thank you.

I am on the search for an outside propane heater. If you are not using yours, I would love it take it off your hands and get it out of your backyard! Does anyone have one they would like to get rid of for a fair price? I can pick it up ASAP! Please call me, **Cheryl, 480-544-9273**.

Is your casita unused? A resident, starving, neat and clean artist is looking for a casita in Bellasera to use as a studio. If you are interested, call **480-307-9851**, or e-mail, me, **slynch24@cox.net**.

Your resident handyman is back at it again! When you have need of a qualified person to make repairs at reasonable prices just call **Grant Ingram, 480-980-3889**. I'll be happy to provide many good references from fellow residents.

Casio electronic keyboard and stand. 61 key, 120 rhythms 100 programmed tunes including holiday songs. Like new. \$100. **Emily Shriver, 480-595-5728**.

FINALLY, while you are away on business, vacations or unexpected emergencies there is no need to worry about your pets. Why have the worry of finding a friend, family member or neighbor to care for your pet when you travel? You can travel with a feeling of security knowing that your pets are cared for by a trustworthy and compassionate pet sitter. Overnights are available!

*There is NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR MULTIPLE PETS. I don't believe in charging you extra just because you may have 2 dogs/ cats instead of 1. The more the merrier! *There is NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR HOUSE/ PLANT CARE. I am only too happy to get your mail or water plants. Just ask! "YOU GO ...I STAY" Pet Sitting is only offered to Bellasera residents. Just call **Cheryl, 480-544-9273**.

Many years of experience as an educator with a prestigious national award of exceptional teacher I am excited for my next career: Medical Assistant. Graduated with Honors and certified (AAMA). **Maya, 480-292-8282, 5508happynow@gmail.com**. Any leads will be gratefully appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, January 20, 2011. Interested in learning about the hottest trend in cruising? RIVER CRUISING. AMA Waterways, the leader in European River Cruising, and The Art of Vacationing, will be presenting, The Art of River Cruising, in the Bellasera Clubhouse. More details to follow. Just SAVE THE DATE for now--JANUARY 20, 2011.

Rides to the airport for \$40 one-way, \$75 roundtrip. Contact Bellasera resident **Todd, 480-246-4013, arizonacourier10@gmail.com**.

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Got something to buy, sell, want, give-away, etc.? Do business within Bellasera. Send in a classified ad — it's very affordable, in fact, 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 are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.

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