Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Trail Opening



Bellasera Board President **Richard Hoffman** cuts the ribbon, officially opening the community's new hiking trail on the western slopes of Lone Mountain on Saturday, February 9.

Richard paid tribute to several residents who worked many hours to make this newest addition to our community's trails happen.

Some useless trivia: The summit of Lone Mountain is 2,664 feet Above Sea Level (ASL). The trailhead at the north end of Balao Drive is 2,290 feet ASL. That makes the hike from the trailhead to the top= 374 feet.

More useless trivia: for comparison, (all in feet ASL) Brown's Mountain summit, a couple miles east of Bellasera is 2,808 feet. Further south, in the McDowell Mountains, McDowell Peak is 3,995; Thompson Peak 3,969; Drinkwater Peak 3,910.

Hail & Farewell



For the last 15+ years **Keven Peterson** has been a welcoming presence at Bellasera's main gate. He's well-known to all residents, visitors and vendors for a consistently upbeat & friendly personality. His last day here was February 19. Securitas, the company that provides our gate security, has recognized his excellent work habits by awarding him several performance awards over the years.

Keven moves on to a new management opportunity with a local machine shop firm. We all wish him nothing but the best.

Board President Report

—By Richard Hoffman

Changes at the Board Of Directors:

At the February meeting of the Board, the Directors appointed **Guy Yates** to fill the remainder of **Gregg Dittoe's** term which will end at the next annual meeting of the association. **Guy** will be seeking election to that empty Board seat at the upcoming annual meeting. Welcome aboard **Guy**!

New Treadmills for the Clubhouse:

The Board has approved the replacement of all four existing treadmills with new updated treadmills from LifeFitness. It will take about four-six weeks for the new treadmills to be delivered and installed. Funds for the cost of the new treadmills were previously set aside in our replacement reserve accounts. The Board will also be looking at replacing the three existing exercise bikes in the work-out area with new updated models. We expect to make a decision and an announcement after the next regular Board meeting.

Manager's Memo

Pet Courtesies

Pets make a wonderful addition to any family, but remember part of being a pet owner is making sure your pet is not a nuisance to others. Your community is a pet friendly community but please consider some of these reminders.

Pet Owner Basics

- If your pet is barking, bring it inside so it doesn't disturb the neighbors.
- Pick up after your pet. If you take your pet for a walk bring several baggies so you can pick up the feces.
 Yes, it is gross and yes, you have to do it. One bag may not be enough. Also remember to clean your yard of feces weekly so the smell does not spread from your yard.
- When your dog is not in an enclosed area, remember to keep your pet on a leash. Arizona State Statues require that dogs be leashed when in public parks and school, but the county and city laws are generally more restrictive, but vary from place to place. Become familiar with the leash laws in your area.

Neighboring a Dog or other Pet

• If your neighbor's dog is barking, <u>kindly</u> contact the neighbor to let them know of the problem. They may not be home to be aware of the problem. Remember the old saying about catching more flies with honey than vinegar. Pounding on someone's door and yelling obscenities is not likely to help the situation and will only cause the dog to bark more.

Also, we have noticed the weeds are sprouting early this year, probably the result of our early unseasonably warm weather. I wanted to give you a heads-up so we can stay on top of this situation and keep our neighborhood in tip-top shape.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

—Viola Lanam

2015: The Year You Volunteer?

-by Keith Christian

For the next few months this newsletter will make an effort to inspire Bellasera residents to volunteer – either inside or outside our community.

If you prefer a short commute, our community's various committees and Board of Directors are always open to new members. At this year's annual meeting 2 new Board members will be elected to 2-year terms.

Here are just a few community volunteers we know about.

- I do volunteer work for The Foothills Caring Corps, Inc. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to
 promoting independence and enhancing the quality of life for older adults and persons with handicapping
 conditions throughout the community. Services delivered by volunteers include: medical transportation,
 grocery shopping, friendly visiting and phoning, caregiver relief, business and computer help, minor home
 repair, mobile meals, van program, care alert, pet visiting, and medical equipment loans. Their phone
 number is 480-488-1105.
 - -Elyse Waters, 480-766-3379.
- I was a volunteer at Pinnacle Peak Park as a Ranger for many years. I now work in their office. I also created the covers for Pinnacle Peak Magazine. —**Frank Biondo**
- I volunteer at FAR Foothills Animal Rescue on Pima, south of Pinnacle Peak Road, working in their Thrift Boutique, which supports cat and dog rescues. At Bellasera, I started the water aerobics classes which run all year, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It continues with the help of other volunteer residents. I have also organized the present Potluck Dinners on the 2nd Friday of each month. I have assistance from many other residents, who volunteer to act as hosts each month. —Janet Biondo

To be included next month, e-mail as much information you care to share about your volunteer activity to: editor@azbellasera.org.

In Memory

The Bellasera community extends its condolences to the family and friends of former resident **Don Guyan**, 72. He passed away peacefully on February 2 in Phoenix.

He was born and raised in Torrance, CA and served in the US Marine Corps. He's survived by two brothers, **John** of Hemet, CA and **Bill** of Mesa, AZ and by his best friend and former wife, **Suzanne Guyan**, of Scottsdale.

Meeting Notices

Ad Hoc Roads Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 1 p.m.

Bellasera Community Association Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Board of Directors will meet on Monday, March 30 at 1 p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee meeting date/time will be posted.

Communications Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday**, **March 10** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday**, **March 5** at **12 noon**.

City Starts Home Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Starting Sunday, March 1, residential utility customers can sign up for home collection of hazardous waste. There are 200 appointments available on a first-come first-served basis. Residents may schedule three appointments per calendar year. There is no additional fee for this service. Call **480-312-5600**.

February Weather In Bellasera

(February 1—February 26)

Highest temperature: 81

Lowest temperature: **38**Rainfall this month: **0.08 inch**Rainfall this year: **1.65 inches**

Bellasera weather information is available 24/7/365 on our web site: weather.azbellasera.org.

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 25th 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 area during the week of **Monday**, **March 9**, with the next pickup the week of **April 6**.

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**.

Potluck — Second Friday of the Month, 6 p.m.

Our Potluck Dinner for Valentines Day was a huge success, with 25 neighbors enjoying good food and great company. It was hosted by Barbara Wilson and friends Sandy and Carlton Rooks, helping.

For March 13, our hosts will be **Martha** and **Dave Johnson**, who will explore "The Luck of The Irish." Come join us and bring your special recipe, with a pot of luck too.

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics will begin at **11:00 a.m.** and end at 12 noon. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge. We will loan you a DVD with images taken by an underwater camera, which will show you our routine. To borrow the DVD, call **Janet**, **480-488-0259** or come join us any **Monday**, **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Luncheon

Ladies lunch will be at Romano's Macaroni Grill at **12 noon** on **Thursday**, **March 12**. It's located at 21001 N. Tatum Blvd in the Desert Ridge Shopping Center. For information contact **Joanne Anetsberger**,

480-595-2472, anetsaz@cox.net.

Book Club

We have made our selections for the next three months and are looking forward to reading them. March: "All The Light We Cannot See" by **Anthony Doerr**; April: "Sunshine On Scotland Street" by **Alexander McCall Smith** and "Tall Pine Polka" by **Lorna Landvik** (pick one or read them both); May: "Boys In The Boat" by **Daniel James Brown**. We will meet on **Wednesday**, **March 18** in the clubhouse at **noon**. Any questions contact **Karen Moore**, **kresmor60@gmail.com**.

Yoga

Judith Zeiger is teaching an All-Levels Yoga class **Mondays** from **9:45 a.m.** until **10:45 a.m.** in the club-house. If you would like to join the group please contact **Judith**, **480-760-5645**, **jazeiger@cox.net**. Bring a mat if you have one. Beginners are welcome.

Chair Yoga Class with **Sandra Rooks** is on **Mondays** from **9:00** until **9:30 a.m.** at the clubhouse. If you have knee or joint problems, this is the class for you! Please call or e-mail **Sandy**, **rooks248@gmail.com**, **480-595-2132**, to let her know whether you will be attending.

Hikers

This March we will hike from the Brown's Ranch Trailhead located at the north end of Alma School Road. We will hike to the Amphitheater which will provide pleasant views and expose our group to the area's diverse terrain. Rated as moderate, this is a 4.4 mile out and back hike in the northern section of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, with a gentle elevation gain of 145 feet. Brittlebush and saguaro are the prominent flora, scattered granite boulder formations to catch your eye, remnants of Brown's Ranch and great views from "The Amphitheater." For those who are interested, a trail to Cathedral Rock is also available making the hike a total of 5 miles.

The March hike is scheduled for **Thursday**, **March 19**. Since it will be warmer in March we will meet at the clubhouse at **8:30 a.m.** Remember to bring water, sunscreen, trail snacks, and a smile.

If you plan to join us, please sign up in the clubhouse or e-mail me. Hike Coordinator: Ralph Vernacchia, 360-708-8263, ralphvernacchia@msn.com.

Poker

A friendly game is held every **Tuesday** evening at **7:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse. All players welcome. Please contact **Bruce Martin**, **480-375-1746**, **marbru@cox.net**, for information.

Golf

The Bellasera Golf Group plays at Dove Valley Ranch on Tuesday mornings. If you have not played before with our group and are not on our e-mail list, and would like to play, please contact **Bob** or **Grace Farrington**, **azfarrington@cox.net**. We usually send out a note to all our members on Wednesday asking them if they want to play on the following Tuesdays. Pairings are made up on Sunday morning. On Sunday night you will get an e-mail giving you the pairings and what the game will be. You must have a USGA handicap. Many of our members also play on Thursdays which is organized by various players, and the participants usually sign up for Thursdays golf right after we finish on Tuesdays. We welcome new members.

Paneurhythmy

Bellasera resident **Marcia Lefkowitz** invites you to consider paneurhythmy. It's a circle dance benefiting the mind, body and soul while deeply connecting us to nature and all of life. The movements and the music contains a harmonious exchange of energy and a new sense of peace, love and joy within the dancer. The movements are simple and the music is uplifting, which creates a feeling of well-being.

The first 10 steps are taught together for the beginning of Spring. The entire lesson and dance will be 45minutes to one hour. Paneurhythmy is best danced out in nature in the early morning. For more information call **Gabrielle**, **480-244-0091**.

Bellasera in the Rear View Mirror

A look back in Bellasera history that may bring back memories for long-time residents and be of interest to those not living in our community in prior years. Clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, March 2005, 10 years ago

- The Bellasera Community Association will elect two new board members at its Annual Meeting on April 7. 2005. Five candidates have filed for the two-year positions. They are: Crawford Love, Bruce Martin, Brian Ong, Alfred Ricciardi, and Carol Sotnick.
- About 30 residents from Brisa Drive and 72nd Place met on Feb. 23 to discuss their concerns about the commercial development that will be abutting their streets. The issues brought up included security, setbacks from the property lines, site grading to reduce the visible height of the proposed food market and arrangement of buildings on the property. The group was organized by Karen Husted and Jim Botten. The aim is to develop a coordinated plan for negotiating with the developer, the Pederson Group, to create a center that will be acceptable to the community. Moreover it will provide information for residents to include in a letter-writing campaign setting forth Bellasera's desires to the city council, planners and the developer.
- A Bellasera tradition a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 16. As in the past, the cooking team of Joanne Anetsberger and Susan Loiselle will be preparing the classic dishes along with potatoes, carrots, salad and dessert. The Activities committee will provide soft drinks and coffee.
- Meet the five candidates for positions on Bellasera's board of directors at a Candidates Night in the clubhouse at 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Mar. 31. The candidates will discuss their qualifications and vision of the community's needs as well as answer questions from the moderator and written questions from residents attending the session. The meeting is expected to last about 1 1/2 hours.
- Governor Janet Napolitano has named Barry Kluger, a Bellasera resident, as a co-chair of the restructured Film and Television Commission. The commission is part of a statewide effort to lure entertainment business to Arizona.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, March 2010, 5 years ago

- This year four positions on the community's Board of Directors are open for election. Incumbent Directors
 Chuck Roach and Bob Shriver do not plan to run again. Director Hope Kirsch is undecided. One position, now
 unfilled, is open.
- Per the Design Guidelines, this is a reminder to submit all exterior changes to the Modification Committee prior to commencing the work. The Modifications Committee has been established to monitor, review and control the development of Bellasera. The Modifications Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over original construction, initial landscape installation, modifications, additions, and alterations made to lots, to structures and landscaping on lots. After a lot and its structures and landscaping have been completed according to approved plans, the Modifications Committee must review all proposed changes to the exterior of the structure and the lot.
- There are many Bellasera residents who walk the community's streets, but probably not many with the regularity of Tom & Virginia Wheeler. You've probably all seen them, usually together, but not always. Virginia has always been walking as part of her exercise program. Tom was a runner until he injured his knee and had to stop. He focused more on his job, and as a result his weight increased significantly. After moving to Bellasera, Tom decided to lose the weight and finally get in shape. Virginia suggested walking as a way to start exercising, so Tom joined her and he continues doing so to this day. It has also been a wonderful way for the couple to meet many new neighbors and friends.
- If you have a restaurant, service, contractor, or whatever, that you'd consider the 'Best', let us know. Share
 your recommendation with all our readers. Easy to do. Just e-mail your nominations to best@azbellasera.org.
 Communications Committee member Kelli Ballinger will compile and research all submissions and provide
 the information in future issues of the Bellasera Neighborhood News.

March in the Garden



-By Joe McDade

Signs of Spring!

February certainly gave us a taste of spring with temperatures in the 80's but ended with our more typical winter conditions (not to be confused with the real stuff back east). Rest assured, spring will arrive this month as the signs have begun to appear. Wildflowers are beginning to emerge, bougainvillea are starting to recover and some trees beginning to bud out. The important thing is that we

will have excellent conditions for planting as this past winter has given us plenty of moisture and left our gardens in perfect condition for planting or renovations. So, you can start digging!

Time for Planting

With many hundreds of plant varieties available at nurseries this month, I've listed some suggestions below covering several categories. But remember, when deciding on **what to plant**, have an idea **where you're going to plant** each purchase, taking into consideration the space and exposure requirements as well as the overall aesthetics.

What to Plant

March is a terrific month for adding most plant types to low-desert landscapes. Warming soil temperatures enhance seed germination and root development before the arrival of summer's intense heat. It's the ideal time to satisfy a multitude of requirements including **landscape** (trees, shrubs, groundcovers, vines, perennials, cacti and other succulents etc.), **vegetables**, **herbs and flowers**. Some suggestions:

Trees

Palo Verde- Arizona's state tree thrives from sea level to 4,000 feet. The name palo verde—"green stick"—refers to the tree's unusual green bark; it allows the tree to continue photosynthesizing after dropping its leaves in response to drought. For small yards, choose foothills—or little leaf—palo verde (Parkinsonia microphylla), which has a mature size of 15 feet tall and wide. From mid to late spring it will reward you with a fluffy cloud of yellow blossoms. They are throughout Bellasera since hundreds were harvested from the building sites and replanted in our front yards.

Citrus- As I've previously noted, you must use dwarf (in your backyard) which will provide a fruit yield of about 50 to 60 percent of standard-size trees, which is plenty for most households. Also, fruit is easier to harvest from shorter trees. They grow well in the valley and you should try:

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

Vegetables

Cool-Season Veggies- Sow a late crop of carrots, green onions, lettuces and radishes so that they will mature before the heat hits.

Warm-Season Veggies—Transplant artichokes, eggplant, peppers and tomatoes. Protect them if late frosts are predicted. Sow seeds for lima and snap beans, corn, cucumber, jicama, melons and squash.

(there's more, next page——)



Annual Flowers

Winter-growing annuals are still looking good but will begin to decline at the end of the month at which time they should be removed and replaced with warm season annuals. Some suggestions:

- Celosia Gaillardia Globe amaranth Portulaca
- Lisianthus Madagascar periwinkle Marigold

If you want to attract butterflies, consider:

- -Bee Balm -Cosmos -Mexican Sunflower -Sage
- -Sunflower -Verbena -Yarrow -Zinnia

<u>Herbs</u>- How about an herb garden to perk up your cooking? The following is not a complete list but considered the usual favorites:

- Basil - Chives - Marjoram - Mint - Oregano - Parsley - Sage All of the above grow well in desert herb gardens.

Miscellaneous

Maintain 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.

Pruning- The danger of frost is more than likely past. So, feel free to prune winter-damaged branches from bougainvillea, lantana, and other frost tender plants as you see new growth emerging.

Drip System- It's that time of year to pay attention to your drip system. Clean out sediment and algae and replace clogged emitters that you can't clear and also clean filters. Be ready to adjust your timers as we await the warmer weather.

Rosemary- This wonderful herb bush is blooming right now and, of course, attracting bees. When the blue flowers are gone, signifying the end of the blooming period, they should be trimmed.

March is Wildflower Month

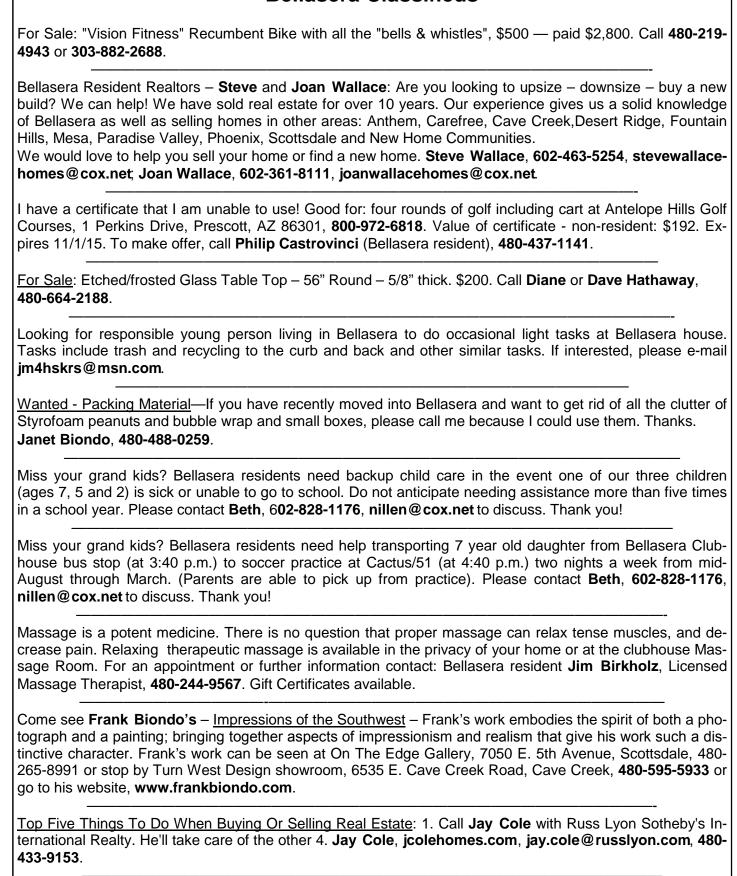
Take advantage the new Bellasera trail and hike to the summit of Lone Mountain and, hopefully, experience spring wildflowers. There are dozens of species, including globe mallows, penstemons, evening primroses, desert marigolds, blue dicks, gilias, bladderpods, dock, chia, desert hyacinths.

Many desert shrubs will to start to bloom including desert lavender, hop bush, brittlebush, and Mormon tea.

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service, 602-470-8086.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Chair Yoga 9:00 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	Golf Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 11 a.m.	5	Water Aerobics 11 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	7
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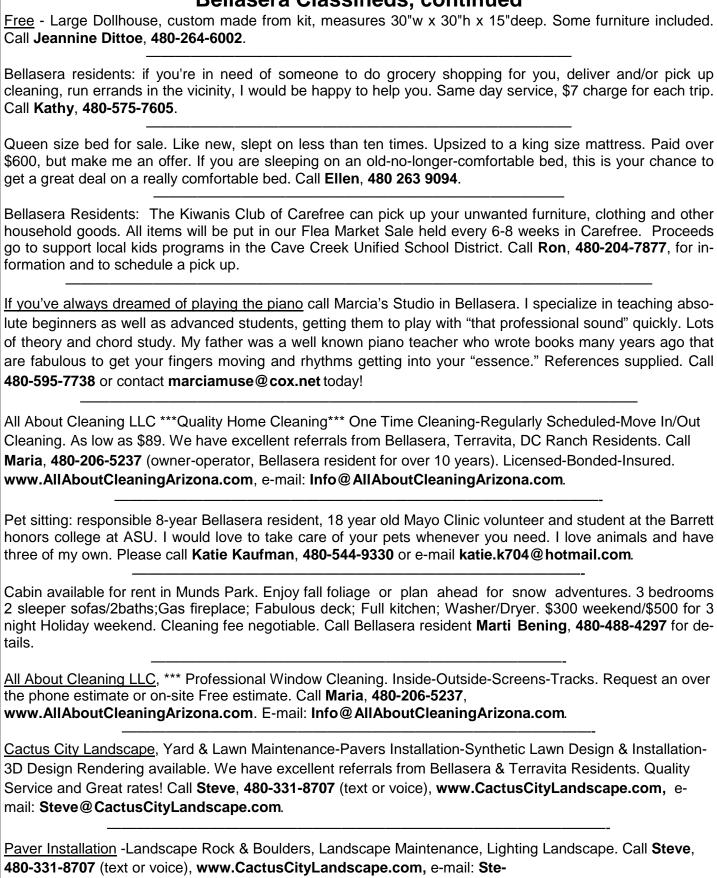
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Bellasera residents - Take advantage of historically low mortgage rates. I am a Bellasera resident and licensed mortgage banker in Arizona for Quicken Loans. I can refinance your home in as little as 30 days.

Bellasera Classifieds, continued



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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
Contact AAM, LLC: 602- 906-4940
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Bellasera Community Volunteers

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

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