Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Roads & Community Meeting

-By Richard Hoffman, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors

Road Work Schedule Announced

The schedule for the maintenance work on our roads and culverts has now been finalized. A formal notice will be circulated shortly and posted at the mailboxes throughout the community. The scheduled work includes cleaning and filling of some of the cracks in our streets, some minor isolated asphalt repair and cleaning of our culverts and drains. The work should take about four weeks to complete, weather permitting. The tentative work schedule is as follows:

Drainage and Culvert Cleaning and Repair: October 21 – November 20

Asphalt Patching: November 9, 10 and 11

Crack Cleaning & Filling: November 16, 17 and 18

Concrete Work on Ponte Bella Circle: November 12

While the drainage/culvert work will have minimal impact, the crack cleaning and filling and asphalt repair will involve a revolving closure of portions of our streets during this period. Traffic around the "work areas" will be permitted, but to insure a thorough and professional result, as well as your safety, we ask that during this time you not park any vehicles in the roadway. The guard at the Main Gate will advise all vendors and contractors that they are to park in residents' driveways and not on the street. Please obey all traffic control devices that are set up for your safety and the safety of the workers!

Community Meeting To Discuss New Verizon Cell Tower Set

A Community Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday**, **October 14** at **7:00 p.m.** in the clubhouse to discuss and answer homeowners' questions and concerns regarding a new potential Verizon Cell Tower in Bellasera. Members of the Board will be in attendance as well as a representative from Verizon Wireless. There will be a drawing of the proposed location and elevation of the new cell tower displayed.

As I have said previously, the Board is inclined to move forward with the new Verizon Wireless proposal, but has not and will not take a formal vote until homeowners are heard. All will be given an opportunity to review the new proposal, ask questions and express their concerns at the Community Meeting and the basic details are fleshed-out and agreed to with Verizon Wireless. Homeowners are encouraged to attend and participate.

Manager's Memo

I know you are all proud of our beautiful Bellasera community and want to keep it looking the best it can. That being said, as I toured the community last month, it was noted that many houses are in need of a fresh coat of paint. Fall is a good time to get this taken care of when it is not so hot. I will be making another tour of the community in October regarding this issue. If you are unsure of your color scheme, please contact **Sharon**, **480-488-0400**, in the office. Please note, if you decide to change your color scheme, a Modification Application must be submitted for approval.

Also noted was the need for additional granite in many of the yards. Please review your lot for this condition also. The type of granite is: **Madison Gold Granite**, **1/2" Minus**. However, a Modification Application is to be submitted for this also.

Finally, I want to mention that palm trees are a prohibited tree in Bellasera and in Scottsdale and it has been noted that some of you have them in your back yard. Please take the initiative to remove them before it becomes a violation issue.

Thank you,

Viola Lanam, Community Manager

Lone Mountain Road Cleanup

The next city-wide litter event is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 24**. You're invited to join other Bellasera volunteers on that day at **8 a.m.** at the Lone Mountain Gate. Bellasera's Adopted Road (Lone Mountain from Scottsdale to Hayden Roads) will be cleaned up and trash removed.

Keith Christian will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. All material will be furnished and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

Gate Guys

Securitas, USA, the company that provides Scottsdale Road gate personnel for our community, has added **Christopher Aden** to the staff. He'll be working the weekend evening shift, replacing **Mike Mellaci**, who left after six-plus years to devote more time to his carpentry business.

Continuing on the staff are **Ray Palado**, Officer-in-Charge, weekday day shift, **Mike Meindl**, weekday evenings, and **Alex Brown**, weekend days.

Wi-Fi Reminder

Wi-Fi Internet service Is available to all residents in the clubhouse area . Use the *Bellasera Guest* option when signing in.

NextDoor Web Site Mailing

Residents have inquired about the recent mass US Postal Service mailing from **NextDoor.com**. There is no connection with the Bellasera Community Association. It's yet another social media site that differentiates itself by limiting access to posts to the people in each neighborhood or those nearby. Users must decide if the benefits gained are commensurate with the amount of personal data harvested by the host company. Caveat emptor.

In Memoriam

The Bellasera community extends condolences to the friends and family of long-time resident **Bonnie Jones**. She passed away on September 23 following an earlier diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, October 22 at 1 p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 2 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 11 a.m.

Communications Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday**, **October 20** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday**, **October 15** at **12 noon**.

Community Meeting on potential Verizon cell tower on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

Southwest Gas Advisory

Southwest Gas recently spent several weeks working in Bellasera at the west end of Visao Drive to remove service stubs installed during the model home era. The work crew also discovered and repaired a minor gas leak. Just a reminder, if you ever:

<u>Smell</u> an odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary; <u>Hear</u> an unusual hissing or roaring sound coming from the ground or an above-ground pipeline; <u>See</u> dirt or water blowing into the air, discolored vegetation surrounding a pipeline, or standing water continuously bubbling.

What to do if you suspect a leak: Leave the area immediately. From a safe place, call **911** and Southwest Gas, **1-877-860-6020**, day or night. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible. Don't smoke or use matches or lighters. Don't turn on or off any electric switches, thermostats, or appliance controls or use automated doors. Don't start or stop an engine.

September Weather In Bellasera

(September 1—September 28)

Highest temperature: **103**Lowest temperature: **65**

Rainfall this month: **0.07 inch**Rainfall this year: **8.57 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**, **October 5**, with the next pickup the week of **November 2**.

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 at 6 p.m.

Our September Potluck Dinner was graciously hosted by **Priscilla** and **Phil Castrovinci**, for a group of 19 hungry and happy residents. We had a great time. Come join us on **October 9**, as we welcome Fall! It will be hosted by **Lena** and **Larry Junker**.

Water Aerobics

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Water Aerobics will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 11 a.m. 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**.

Book Club

All are welcome to join The Bellasera Brown Bag Book Club for our first meeting of the season on **Wednesday**, **October 21** at **noon** in the clubhouse. We will be discussing "To Kill A Mockingbird" and "Go Set A Watchman" by **Harper Lee**. A new list of selections will be picked for our future discussions. Any questions, contact **Karen Moore**, **kkmoore60@gmail.com**.

Ladies Luncheon

Linda Sotnick is hosting the October ladies luncheon. It will be at **12 noon** on **Thursday**, **October 8**, at the Tonto Bar and Grill, 5736 E. Rancho Mañana Blvd. in Cave Creek. Contact her at **480-575-7040**,

lindagschwend@gmail.com.

Yoga

New Chair Yoga class on **Fridays** at **9:00 a.m.** for those of you who prefer a gentle stretch class. If you have trouble getting up and down from the floor, this is the class for you. You will be pleasantly surprised at the workout you get from your chair! Please contact **Sandra Rooks**, **480-595-2132**, **rooks248@gmail.com**, if you plan to attend.

Bellasera Hikers

We had a very successful 2014/15 hiking season thanks to a handful of hikers who stepped up and organized one hike each. We had a variety of hikes and lots of fun and we look forward to a new season. Since no one has come forward to serve as hiking coordinator for the coming season, a hiking group selected me to temporarily fill the position. I will assume that we will, once again, depend on individuals to grab a month from the calendar and plan a hike.

Organizing a hike involves selecting a month, selecting a day, selecting a hike location, putting a notice in the newsletter and then leading the group on the hike day. I am available to assist anyone with organizing a hike. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Happy Trails. **Karen Meiliken**, **480-699-8606**.

Bellasera in the Rear View Mirror

A look back in Bellasera history that may bring back memories for long-time residents and even be of interest to those not living in our community 5 & 10 years ago. Clips from past newsletters follow.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, October 2005, 10 years ago

- The Pederson development on Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road dominated the agenda of the wellattended September 19 Board meeting. There were a number of outside guests who had been invited to address issues concerning the development. These guests included Bob Littlefield, Scottsdale City Councilman and a former resident of Bellasera, Graham Kettle, a Director of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak or COPP, and Jim Pederson, President of the Pederson Group.--Carol Sotnick
- First, I would like to thank all the Bellasera homeowners for making Sheila and me feel so welcome in the
 community. Part of my role is to help ensure that the community remains a desirable place of residence. And
 so, this is a reminder to all of our seasoned homeowners and to our new homeowners who may be settling in
 at Bellasera. Please remember that any exterior changes that you may consider making to your home or landscaping must be submitted for prior review to the Modifications committee.--Patti Smith
- The Bellasera Racket Club meets twice in October, on Sunday, October 2, and on the following Sunday, October 9, both days at 9 a.m, in the clubhouse. Those interested are asked to e-mail Paul Broad <swagowhale@aol.com> for additional information.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, October 2010, 5 years ago

- We look forward to celebrating Oktoberfest with a variety of German Brautwursts, live entertainment and enjoying the evening with our neighbors and friends. In order to help us plan for plenty of food, please include on the sign up sheet at the clubhouse whether you would like to bring a side dish or pay \$5 per person at the door. The main course, potato salad and sauerkraut are included with the festivities. Wine, beer as with all events are BYO.
- Parking: Our CC&Rs provide "Commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, trailers, campers, boats or other watercraft, or other oversized vehicles, stored vehicles, and unlicensed vehicles or inoperable vehicles shall not be parked within the Properties other than in enclosed garages; provided however, that one boat or recreational vehicle may be temporarily kept or stored completely in a driveway or completely on a parking pad on a Lot for not more than a period of time reasonably necessary, in the Board's sole discretion, to outfit or unload such vehicle."
- Four Peaks Landscaping, our community landscaper, has advised us that some landscape companies hired by homeowners are dumping debris in common areas of the community. Please check with your landscaper to make sure this is not happening. These private landscape vendors are probably trying to save on their disposal fees. Four Peaks is charging the Association to clean up after homeowner's landscaping companies.--Dennis Carson
- For the October hike, I have chosen to stay closer to home and plan to hike the Sunrise Trail in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This trail starting at the SE corner of the Preserve, will climb gradually over a 2 mile distance to the base of Sunrise Peak. We will turn around at that point and return to the trail head. This section of the trail provides nice views to the East. Since most Preserve trails are on the West side of the Preserve, this one provides a nice change. I am trusting that the weather will have cooled by late October, but you should bring plenty of water and plan on a trail snack.--Don Bowman

October in the Garden



-By Joe McDade

October...I Think We Made It!

As October rolls around, what do you notice first?

- The return of our neighbors who escaped to cooler climates,
- The much anticipated (by some of us) kickoff of the football season or
- The welcome change in our weather as evidenced by our cool mornings and evenings. I think they all signify that we can now look forward to seven or eight months of moderate, comfortable weather. More importantly, October provides an opportunity to give our gardens some new life as it is the *prime planting* month here in the low desert.

This past summer has been harsh and lingering accompanied by a disappointing monsoon. Everything in your garden will need some attention. Flower and vegetable gardens should be started and you need to revitalize existing plants.

Revitalize Your Garden...Restore Nutrients

Turn your attention first to *fertilizing* and *acidifying* your citrus trees and other plants. Frequent watering is necessary to make it through a tough summer. However, this results in salt slowly building in the soil each time you water and depletes the available nutrients. By fertilizing this month, you will give all your plants a much-needed boost that will be rewarded with a flush of growth, green, and blooms.

Planting

October is the low desert's best month to plant just about everything—trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, vines, ornamental grasses, cacti, succulents, wildflowers and cool-season veggies, herbs and flowers. Temperatures have abated (or soon will) to a comfortable level, while soil remains sufficiently warm to promote seed germination and root growth.

Overhaul & Rejuvenate Flower Beds...Bring Color to Your Patio

This summer has been a real challenge to maintain annuals (for me anyway) and I'm looking forward to ripping them out! So, add color to your surroundings with some flower beds (preferably in pots) as the nurseries will be packed with glorious selections in every size, color, and shape. To help you, below is an extensive list with *color info* along with guidance on *where to plant them* (sun, shade, etc.), Remember, fall flowers need to establish their roots in warm soils. So, starting them now gets a healthy root system developed before the cool fall and cooler winter slows them down.

- Alyssum: A low growing border plant in white, pink or purple. Full sun to light partial shade.
- Begonia: Gives masses of color in shady spots, red, pink or white in dark leafed varieties, or a mixture of colors in green leafed types.
- Calendula: Yellow or orange flowers with dark centers, makes excellent cut flowers. Needs sun.
- Chrysanthemum paludosum: Miniature daisy flowers cover this low growing annual in a cloud of white. *Use for sunny borders*.
- Dianthus: An array of reds, pinks, violets and white adorn these specially selected Sweet Williams. Sun or partial shade.
- Dusty Miller: A foliage plant with silver colored leaves. Full sun to partial shade.
- Geranium: Available in a rainbow of colors. Full sun to partial shade.
- Linaria: Covered in mini snapdragon-shaped flowers of blue, yellow or red. Full sun.
- Lobelia: Arizona's favorite border plant for sun or partial shade. Deep purple, blue, rose, lilac and mixed colors.
- Ornamental Kale: Great foliage color in predominately purple or white. Full sun.
- Pansy and Viola: The most popular flower for fall and winter, these hardy free blooming plants are available in a wide variety of colors to suit any décor. Pick a *sunny spot* for best results. Violas will take *light shade*.
- Petunia: Reds, pinks, whites, burgundy and blues. Full sun.

(there's more....on the next page)



- Poppies and Primroses: These favorites will be ready for you when the weather starts to turn cold. Iceland poppies for bright sunny spots and traditional primrose for shady areas.
- Snapdragons: Taller mid-sized varieties are great for cut flowers or colorful backgrounds. Dwarf types make fantastic borders. Either way, you can't go wrong with their rainbow of colors for *sunny spots*.
- Stock: Harmony and Trisomic varieties are very fragrant and make tremendous cut flowers. Midgets make excellent border plants. *Full sun*.

Miscellaneous Tasks

Roses- Resume full fertilizing of established roses as the weather cools.

Citrus- Late summer application of nitrogen fertilizer will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navel oranges and tangerines) than spring-ripening (grapefruit and Valencia oranges).

Deciduous Fruit Trees- Prune the water sprouts.

Landscape Plants- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.

Weed Control- Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. Do not use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.

Mesquite Trees- If your Mesquite trees are looking tall and scraggly, take action now to do some corrective pruning.

Watering- Cut back watering frequencies as plant needs decrease with shortening, cooling days.

Vegetable Planting- Plant transplants of Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Chard, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (Head & Leaf).

Plant of The Month...Texas Sage (Leucophyllum Frutescens)

In the early development of Bellasera, Texas Sage was always included in a landscapers list and is certainly borne out in driving around the neighborhood. It was certainly a good choice as it has a lot of redeeming values. These plants are easy to care for, compact, drought-resistant and attractive bushes. They are also known as Texas barometer bush, cenizo, purple sage and Texas silverleaf. These are the planting and care guidelines:

- 1. Choose a location for Texas sage that receives full sun, or at least four to six hours of light a day during the sun's peak period.
- Do not fertilize the plant or add compost to soil. Texas sage does not need rich soil to thrive and prefers dry but welldraining alkaline soil with infrequent watering.
- 3. Stop watering the plant during winter. It is a water-conserving plant and only needs occasional watering. This makes Texas sage ideal for xeriscape gardens and dry soil is ideal for older plants. Too much water decreases the frequency of blooms, causes the foliage to flop and increases the chances of root rot.
- 4. Prune Texas sage in early spring if you want to maintain a rounded shape and reduce dense foliage. Pruning also helps older plants that become straggly. Texas sage bushes regenerate at a fast rate. The plant is semideciduous and loses some foliage during the colder months.
- 5. Plant Texas sage bushes if you have rocky, gravelly soil. They are also good for areas where most other plants do not grow, such as slopes.

Did You Know?

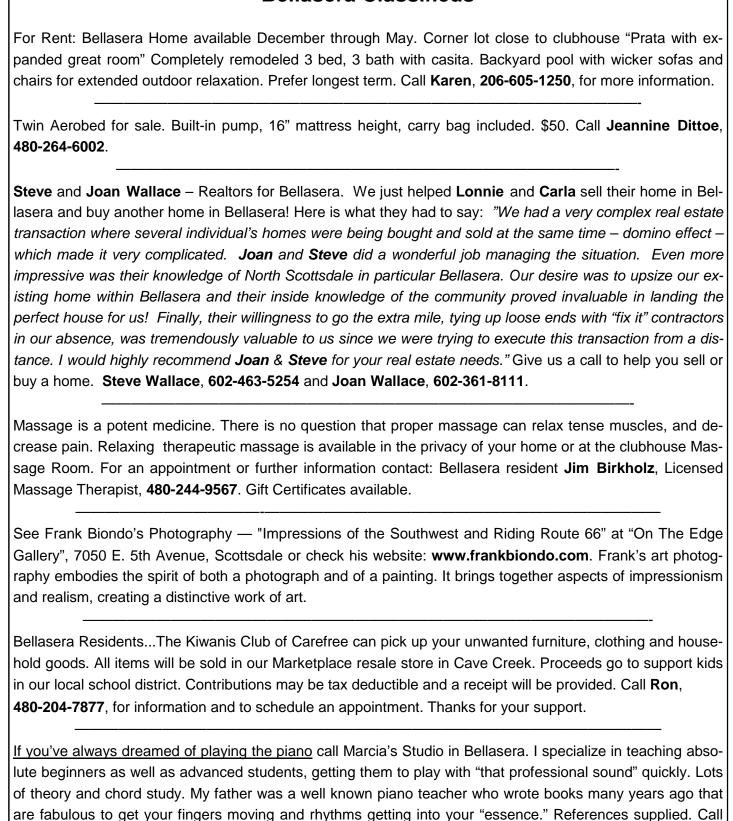
Allergy sufferers bemoan the blooming of desert broom, a shrub that colonizes disturbed areas. However, broom flowers are a favorite of hundreds of butterflies, bees, wasps, and beetles. Many plants are fruiting, including barrel cacti, soapberry trees, desert hackberries, and wolfberries.

Most snakes head to winter burrows this month. Although most snakes remain fairly inactive in the colder months, keep in mind that they can emerge any time of year if enough warm days pass to sufficiently rouse them.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	Friday 2 Chair Yoga 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	Saturday 3
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Ladies Luncheon 12 noon	Chair Yoga 9 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m.	10
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Bellasera Classifieds



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480-595-7738 or contact marciamuse8@gmail.com today!

Bellasera Classifieds, continued

Friends of Bellasera residents would like to rent a home for January thru May. Would like a swimming pool and 2-3 bedrooms. If you are interested, call 414-659 3957 or 414-651-0488 .
Wanted—Styrofoam Peanuts packing material. If you have some you don't need, please call me and I will pick them up. Thanks, Janet Biondo , 480-488-0259 .
Want To Rent your home this Winter to a responsible family? We have wonderful, responsible friends who would like to rent a home in Bellasera for about 4 months this Winter. They rented here last winter, but the house has sold. They can provide positive referral from past lessor. Looking for 2 or 3 bedroom home. Casita preferred but not required. Please contact <code>igerickson@gmail.com</code> if you are interested, or <code>Beth</code> , <code>nillen@cox.net</code> , if you have questions about this ad. Thank you!
All About Cleaning ***Regularly scheduled Home cleaning *** One Time Cleaning ***Move In/Out cleaning, ***After Remodeling Cleaning. We have excellent references from long-time Bellasera Resident customers and surrounding areas. Call Maria , 480-206-5237 (owner-operator, Bellasera resident for over 10 years). Licensed-Bonded-Insured. www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com, e-mail: Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com.
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Questions regarding your Homeowner's Association Account?
Contact AAM, LLC: 602- 906-4940
AAM, LLC Emergency: 602-647-3034 or toll free 866-553-8290

Bellasera Community Volunteers

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

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