

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Ten Pages

## Board Summer Break

—*By Richard Hoffman, President of the Bellasera Board of Directors*

Tennis Courts Repair and Resurfacing to Begin on July 5. Major repairs to and resurfacing of Bellasera's two tennis courts will begin on Tuesday, July 5 and, weather permitting, should be completed by the end of July. During construction both courts will be out of service. We will notify the community when the work is completed and the 'new' courts are again available for play.

No Board Meetings in July and August. As is customary, the Board will not formally meet during the months of July and August. If the situation requires, the Board may act by written consent in lieu of a meeting. The Board will resume regular monthly meetings in September.

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## Dog-Coyote Confrontation

On June 24, residents on Moura Drive residents were awakened by howling coyotes and screaming dogs. Resident **Jeannine Dittoe** came outside to see the coyotes closing in on two large Husky dogs. She called on a couple neighbors to help scare the coyotes away, which they finally did. Bellasera residents didn't recognize the dogs and assumed they came from the Mary Sharon Drive area (Lone Mountain Vista).

A couple hours later the dogs reappeared, hot, tired, thirsty and with Cholla on them. The larger Huskies were apparently able to fend off the coyotes. A landscaper nearby was able to rope in one of the dogs and put it in **Jeannine's** backyard. The dog went into her pool and she gave him water. The other dog took off into the desert again.

The dog in **Jeannine's** yard was hollering up a storm and eventually drew the second dog back over into her neighbor's yard. The residents finally corralled the returning dog and called Maricopa Animal Control. After an hour animal control picked up the dogs. Both appeared to be well maintained, but had no collar or microchip (the officer scanned one of them). The dogs were taken away after 4 hours of running for their lives in the hot desert.

If neighbors know anyone that is missing two large Huskies, please contact **Jeannine** at **916-798-7125**. Photos are available.

## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet again in September.

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet again on **Wednesday, August 24**.

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 12** at 1 p.m.

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, July 13** at 8:30 a.m.

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, July 12** at noon. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, July 7** at 12 noon.

## **June Weather In Bellasera**

(June 1—June 29)

Highest temperature: **116**

Lowest temperature: **64**

Rainfall this month: **0.03 inch**

Rainfall this year: **3.29 inches**

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

## **Newsletter Copy Deadline**

If you have 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 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 community during the week of **Monday, August 1**, with the next pickup the week of **August 29**.

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, 6-9 p.m.**

Our June Potluck Dinner had to be cancelled due to a very small sign-up. It is a hot summer, but some of us are still here, so we will attempt to have a July Sizzling Summer Potluck Dinner on Friday, July 8 hosted by **Karen and Jerry Meiliken**.

Please sign up early, so that we can all enjoy of evening of fine food and conversation.

Also, please consider hosting the August, September, October or November Potlucks. Please contact me, **Janet Biondo, 480-488-0259**. We will assist you in every way, to plan a fun evening. Thanks.

## **Water Aerobics**

Water Aerobics begins at **10:00 a.m.** and ends 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**.

## **Bellasera Luncheon**

Ladies luncheon will be **Thursday July 21, 12 noon**, at Maggiano's Little Italy, 16405 North Scottsdale Road. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet or call **480-595-8218** or e-mail **ciaolucyr@gmail.com** if you are able to come. Hope to see all. —**Lucy Ruotolo**.

## **Yoga**

The regular yoga class will meet at **8:45 a.m.** on **Mondays**. For more information, contact **Judith Zeiger, 480-760-5645, jazeiger@cox.net**.

## **Brown Bag Book Club**

Bellasera Brown Bag Book Club will take time off until October 26, but not time off from reading. Our summer selections are "The Nest" by **Cynthia Sweeney** and "Queen of the Road" by **Doreen O'Rien**. Our October read is "Lake House" by **Kate Morton**. Enjoy summer travels and reading. Stay cool! **kresmor60@gmail.com**.

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## **Tennis Court Closure**

The two Bellasera Tennis Courts will be closed for refurbishing beginning **Tuesday, July 5**.

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## **Bellasera Community Directory**

The Bellasera Community Directory will be e-mailed to all homeowners in late July. If you wish to change your listing please e-mail **directory@azbellasera.org**.

The current directory is on our web site: **directory.azbellasera.org**.

## **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 5 & 10 years ago. Clips from past newsletters follow.*

### **Bellasera Neighborhood News, July 2006, 10 years ago**

- Along with the triple digit heat that is now upon us, there is the very real threat of fire. It takes very little for the dry desert brush to erupt into a major inferno. Please be sure you and your service contractors are acting responsibly when it comes to operating equipment, using BBQs and fire pits, as well as cigarette smoking.
- We continue to hear comments about the lack of availability of our community association staff. We want to remind everyone that in order to keep costs down, we've gone from employing full-time staff to part-time staff. Accordingly, they are not as available as they were in the past. We encourage everyone to use the various communication methods we've set up to advise us of problems in the community (phone message, e-mail or suggestion box). We will respond quickly to your concerns.
- There are two positions open for application on the Bellasera Board of Directors, as it expands to seven members. All committees need additional members, too. See the list of committees on page 8.
- A nice early morning hike begins across the road from the Bellasera Lone Mountain Road gate. Heading east, follow the City of Scottsdale Trail System markers across Hayden Road, then continue east along Lone Mountain Road to Granite Reef Road. Carefully cross commuter-busy Lone Mountain Road, heading south on Granite Reef. When the road ends, you may follow one or more of several trails that skirt the east side of Lone Mountain.

### **Bellasera Neighborhood News, July 2011, 5 years ago**

- Our regular quarterly night lighting inspection will take place in July. Please check the lights on your front yard trees and garage. Our rules require garage lights to be illuminated from dusk to dawn and front yard trees must be illuminated from dusk to midnight daily.
- New Legislation - You have probably heard the Arizona Legislature has passed new legislation affecting Planned Communities, taking effect on July 20. Arizona's Open Meeting Law is one of the most important of the new laws. Bellasera already complies with most requirements of this law, so we must only make minor changes in our procedures to be compliant with the revisions. As a Homeowner with an interest in our community, it is important that you understand the concept of open meetings.
- All meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees are open to all Homeowners or to their representatives, designated in writing by the Homeowner as such. The only exception to this is Executive Sessions where the Board may discuss certain sensitive issues specified by the law. Owners or their representatives are allowed to speak at open meetings and the dates and times of meetings are posted in the newsletter and on the bulletin boards. The Board and Committees conduct the business of the Association. You're invited to attend and watch your Association at work.
- The Bellasera hiking season ended on Wednesday, May 25, with a great hike around Woods Canyon Lake on the Rim above Payson. We had beautiful weather and were able to see a variety of wildlife as we passed through the cool pines along the lake. Our special treat was the sighting of a nesting Bald Eagle. The nest was high in a dead pine tree and the eagle was proudly displayed in the nest. A good time was had by all.



## July in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

### Yes, It's Hot! But Relief is in Sight...For You and Your Garden

As expected, June brought us hot weather but exceeded expectations as temperatures broke records. Well, the heat will certainly continue into July but we can hopefully look forward to some relief with the arrival of the monsoon. Humidity will start arriving from the Gulf of California which will bring us thunderstorms, increased humidity and blowing dust.

Gardening is almost at a standstill this month, but there are a number of tasks that you need to address in order to help your garden cope. Of course **watering** is on the top of the list which I covered in detail last month, so I'll simply do a quick overview. This is also a critical month for **pruning** native desert trees, so I'll go through my annual treatise on this subject. I'll cover both of these topics below as well as some others.

### Watering

Last month I discussed **How Much** and **How Often** in some detail. I'd like to add to that with some useful (hopefully) tips:

**Water in the Morning-** Plants can uptake water more easily in the early morning as opposed to being watered during the day. During the heat of the day, plants have to devote much of their resources to handling the stress of the heat and cannot uptake water efficiently. Therefore, it's best to water early in the morning so that they are replenished with water and ready to face the excessive evaporation that will occur with temperatures over 115 degrees.

**Provide Extra Water-** Irrigate shrubs and groundcovers in the early morning hours for an extra 1/2 hour when temperatures are forecast over 115 degrees.

**Annual Flowers-** If you have planted some annual flowers, they are more than likely in pots where soil temperatures heat up to triple digits, and roots will "cook" without adequate moisture. Containers in full sun often require daily watering. Water should soak through the soil and drain out the bottom of the pot with each application to prevent salt buildup, which can kill plants over time. The frequent watering needed in summer, unfortunately, also leaches nutrients out of the soil. Therefore, a slow-release or organic fertilizer is recommended as they are less likely to burn plant roots in the summer heat compared to a faster-acting chemical fertilizer.

**Trees-** Established native or desert-adapted trees should be watered at least once a month if no rainfall. If the temperature is over 108 degrees, water your native or desert-adapted trees at least twice during the month. Always allow soil to dry out between each irrigation cycle. Water at least 3 feet deep for your trees.

### Native Tree Maintenance

**Pruning-** Summer is the recommended time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. Things to consider before undertaking this task:

- Good pruning is both an art and a science.
- The result should be a safe, healthy and beautiful tree that complements its natural growth habit.
- If you prune your trees yourself, familiarize yourself with proper pruning principals and techniques. There is a lot of literature available, including the internet.
- If you hire someone to prune your trees, be sure **they** understand proper pruning principals

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



and techniques.

- Remove no more than one-quarter of a tree's branches in a year. Cutting off too much foliage "starves" the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize and can leave it susceptible to disease.
- It's advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength and trunk girth.

Keep in mind that the longer you wait to prune your mesquites, the higher the risk of wind damage during the monsoon.

### **Desert Plants Fruits are Ripening, Which Means...It's Bean Pod Time!**

The fruits of many desert plants are continuing to ripen such as Prickly-pears and other cacti. In addition, Ironwood, Palo Verde and Mesquite trees are also loaded with fruit in the form of bean pods. These three native trees are certainly dominant in Bellasera as a good number of them were uprooted and saved during home construction in order to be replanted in your front yard. Of course these "fruits" result in a cleanup challenge for us.

**Note:** There are four species of green-barked Palo Verde trees: the Blue Palo Verde, the Foothills Palo Verde, the Mexican Palo Verde and the Palo Brea. All four produce a different bean pod.

### **What To Plant**

Every July I must remind you that Native Americans traditionally sowed summer crops right before the start of the monsoons. The desert's brief summer season of extra rainfall and humidity promoted seed germination and encouraged plants to grow quickly. Native crop choices for today's gardeners include:

- amaranth
- devil's claw
- melons
- squash
- tepary beans

**Palms and Bermuda grass lawns**—Continue planting through summer, as both establish quickly in the heat.

**Warm-Season Vegetables** - Sow seeds for:

- black-eyed peas
- cantaloupe
- corn
- miniature pumpkin
- okra
- squash

All require careful attention to soil moisture throughout their growing season. Replenish mulch as needed to help maintain moisture and reduce soil temperature in the root zone.

### **Miscellaneous**

- **Fertilization** - Do not fertilize until the weather cools.
- **Check your drip watering system.** Verify the ground humidity around all plants. Check your drippers periodically to see if any popped out now that heat is making the hoses softer.
- **Protect potted plants** - Soil temperatures may exceed 150 degrees in direct sunlight, basically "cooking" roots. Move containers into morning sun/afternoon shade locations or cover with shade cloth.
- **Prevent citrus rinds from cracking**—If trees are water-stressed in summer, their rinds will crack and split later in the growing season. Rinds become tough without adequate moisture and cannot expand as the fruit swells. To avoid this, water mature citrus trees every 10 to 14 days in summer. Water young trees (in the ground 2 or less years) every 5 to 10 days. Apply water at the drip line (outer canopy edge), and move emitters or hoses outward as the canopy spreads. Water should soak 3 feet deep with each application for mature trees.

**\*\*\*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July\*\*\***

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

# \*Community Calendar—July 2016\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3	4 <b>Fourth of July</b>	5 Poker, 7 p.m.	6 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	7	8 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Potluck 6 p.m.	9
10	11 Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12 <b>Modifications 12 noon Building &amp; Grounds 1 p.m. Poker 7 p.m.</b>	13 <b>Communications 8:30 a.m.</b>  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14	15 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	16
17	18 Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	19 Poker 7 p.m.	20 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	21 <b>Luncheon 12 noon</b>	22 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	23
24/31 Brush & Bulk Collection Week of <u>August 1</u>	25 Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26 Poker 7 p.m.	27 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28	29 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	30

## **\*\*Bellasera Classifieds\*\***

For Sale: powered wheel chair with everything, custom made. Valued at \$20,000, but never used. Asking \$4,500; and a powered wheel chair with joystick, hardly ever used. Asking \$750, originally sold for \$2,000. Also a large dog crate, 27 ½ x 42 inches, \$65. Call **Sandy, 480-595-8815**. 9

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Looking for someone to play tennis with in the evening or on weekends. I am a newer resident to Bellasera trying to improve my tennis game. The only way to get better, in addition to my current lessons, is to keep playing. If you would be interested in periodically playing tennis, please contact me. I can be reached at **Cindy, 312-909-3255, baileyandthe2blondes@gmail.com**. 8

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Like new 14 month old Richmond Partner Desk purchased from Walter E. Smithe Furniture in Illinois. This desk features 4 pieces in a Charleston Brown finish with warm Burgundy highlights. The desk base consists of a bookcase (32w x 20d x 31h) and desk (50w x 32d x 31h). It also comes with a computer desk (32w x 20d x 31h) that stores a desktop computer and features as a pull out printer stand and built in surge protector. An additional item is a roll out locking file cabinet that nestles under the desk (19w x 23d x 25h). In total the desk occupies 70" x 64". The value of the desk is \$2900 and we are looking to sell it for \$1200. It is currently on display in our garage if you are interested. Please feel free to e-mail **Catie, cadabarron@yahoo.com** for images/information and to see the beautiful desk. 8

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Golf Irons: right handed Taylor made Burner 2.0 with graphite shafts to ease wrist, elbow and shoulder stress. 4 thru Gap wedge. These were used very lightly and are in good condition. Asking just \$180. **H. C. Schultz, 480- 575- 5753**. 7

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**Steve and Joan Wallace, Realtors** - Bellasera is a special place that we love to sell. If you are considering downsizing or upsizing or moving to another area of the Valley or buying a new build, give us a call. **Steve: 602-463-5254** or **Joan: 602-361-8111**.

We represented **Jeff** and **Claire** in buying a home: *Thank you very much for all you both did to help us find our beautiful new home. We appreciate all your help and we really feel that it is a very nice home and we look forward to creating great memories there.* 9

*(more Classifieds on next page)*



## **\*\*Bellasera Classifieds, continued\*\***

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](http://www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com), e-mail: [Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com](mailto:Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com).

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Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. Enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms 2 sleeper sofas/2baths; Gas fireplace; Fabulous deck; Full kitchen; Washer/Dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Call Bellasera resident **Marti Bening, 480-488-4297** for details.

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All About Cleaning \*\*\* Professional Window Cleaning. Inside-Outside-Screens-Tracks. Power Wash (After Monsoon season Must!). Request an over the phone estimate or on-site free estimate. Call **Maria, 480-206-5237**, [www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com](http://www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com), e-mail: [Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com](mailto:Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com).

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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 **Ron, 480-204-7877**, for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

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*Ads only accepted from Bellasera homeowners; real estate for sale, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted; Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad. Your ad will run for 3 months, and may be extended upon request.*

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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.*

**Board of Directors**  
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## **Committees**

### **Budget & Finance**

\*Marilyn Lillienfeld\*, David Reid, Chuck Roach, Carlton Rooks,  
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### **Buildings & Grounds**

Steve Bennett, Bob Gromko, \*Bruce Martin\*, Guy Yates

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### **Modifications**

\*Craig Johnson\*, Jim Gleason, Stanley Green

### **Security Advisory**

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