

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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## Welcome Wagon Stops at Clubhouse



The Bellasera community extends a welcome this month to our new Office Administrator, **Laurie Forte**.

**Laurie** is a new addition to the staff at AAM, LLC, Bellasera's management company. She previously worked for Board Developer, and owns her own company, *Connecting Through Cooking*.

A four year Arizona resident from Michigan, **Laurie** lives in Cave Creek with husband **Al**, and Boston Terrier, **Chloe**. She has a daughter, **Jamie**, who lives in Denver.

## Lookin' Good & Ready for Play



During July the two Bellasera tennis courts were repaired and are now available for play,

Reservations may be made via the following direct link: **[tennis.azbellasera.org](https://tennis.azbellasera.org)**

## **Meeting Notices**

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

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, August 24** at **2 p.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet again on **Tuesday, September 13** at **1 p.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet again on **Wednesday, September 14** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, August 16** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, August 11** at **12 noon**.

## **July Weather In Bellasera**

(July 1—July 31)

Highest temperature: **113**

Lowest temperature: **70**

Rainfall this month: **0.23 inch**

Rainfall this year: **3.54 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.**

This Summer has sizzled our Potlucks away! July had to be cancelled also and we are now eliminating the August Potluck. Our next Potluck Dinner will be on **Friday, September 9**, hosted by **Linda and Bart Sotnick**. Hope to see you all, then!

### **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, August 18, 12:00 noon** at Cafe Bink, 36889 N. Tom Darlington Dr. in Carefree. Hosted by **Linda Sotnick, 480-575-7040, lindagschwend@gmail.com**.

### **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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### **In Our 'Hood**

The owners of our neighborhood Summit Shopping Center have filed an application with the City of Scottsdale Development Review Board for two new 25-foot-tall tower signs. One on Scottsdale Road, and one on Ashler Hills Road, located outside of the scenic corridor. The application also requests removal of two existing scenic corridor monument signs.

The cited rationale for the larger signs is center tenants have noted their marked lack of exposure from the roadways of the existing signs, largely obscured by natural landscaping. The center owners believe the lack of visibility creates a safety hazard for those seeking the site, particularly at night. The proposal indicates the Summitt and its tenants need improved visibility to thrive with neighboring commercial developments.

For additional information, you may contact the City's Current Planning, **480-312-3111**, or e-mail via the following link: <https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/bldgresources/Contact/?id=46450&mode=planning>.

## **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, August 2006, 10 years ago**

- The most significant accomplishment this month was approval of the revised Bylaws and CC&Rs by the Board of Directors. The Governance Committee has been working diligently on these documents to reflect life at Bellasera without Del Webb and changes in the laws governing community associations. We will now forward the documents to our attorneys for review and roll them out to the community for a vote later this year. During the month Gary Pederson gave an update on the shopping center project at the corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road. They are working through the approval process and hope to have the center built and open by the fall of 2007.
- Keven Peterson received the Securitas Supervisor of the Month Award for May 2006 from John Larson for his superior performance to the residents of the Bellasera Community. Keven is well known throughout Phoenix and as far away as Hawaii and Illinois for his positive attitude and his superb customer service to everyone who enters Bellasera. He has a positive impact on everyone whom he comes in contact with.
- There are two positions open for application on the Bellasera Board of Directors, as it expands from five to seven members. All committees need additional members, too. Additional information, along with application forms, are on the Bellasera web site.

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

- Summer is dragging on with many of our owners leaving us behind for the lure of more comfortable weather, although judging from recent weather reports, many of our friends have taken our broiling temperatures with them. Those residents missed out on our once-in-a-lifetime dust storm. Luckily, we managed to get the community's trees trimmed just before the storm season and the very hot weather arrived.
- On July 20, Arizona's new HOA legislation went into effect. In addition to the Open Meeting Law mentioned in the June newsletter, there are other new laws which will affect Bellasera. Arizona now requires boards to allow homeowners or their representatives (designated in writing) be allowed to audio or video tape the open portions of board meetings. HOA's may adopt rules pertaining to this law in order to prevent any unnecessary disruption to meetings.
- One resident recently reported nearly becoming a car-hits-pedestrian statistic at the intersection of Ponte Bella & Corva. That's the STOP sign near the tennis courts after coming through the Scottsdale Road gate entrance. Please...common courtesy and traffic laws require your constant compliance. Thank you for preventing a future accident.



## August in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

### Monsoon...Where Art Thou?

Like last year, our monsoon decided to take the month of July off and leave us with both high humidity and high temperatures *sans* the rain. Let's hope all three elements return in August. We may still get our share of rain this month as the monsoon will continue, usually accompanied with dramatic lightning and thunderstorms. Rain or no rain, temperatures should moderate somewhat but remain high. **How does this impact your garden?** I'll attempt to identify *preventive*

*measures* to take to help your garden cope with the heat as well as some *general maintenance tasks*.

### Coping With The Heat

#### Landscape Plants

- Increase water application as the weather warms. Pay attention to irrigation needs of plants.
- Apply mulch to the ground around the base of heat sensitive plants to keep the roots cooler and prevent evaporation. Keep the mulch several inches away from the trunk.
- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.
- Late August or early September fertilization will benefit most plants struggling to have a flush of growth before slowing down for the winter. The growth put on before dormancy will store more energy during the winter that will be available to the plant when it pushes growth in the Spring.

**\*See below for a discussion on mulch**

#### Roses

- Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer.
- Water deeply as temperatures climb.
- Hose off plants in the early morning to increase humidity and control spider mites.
- Toward the end of August and into September add an iron supplement if roses show yellowing from iron deficiency.

#### Succulents

Succulents are normally drought resistant. However, we're at that point in the summer where they too will succumb, especially to the high nighttime temperatures. When the night temperatures stay at 90° or above and the humidity is high, most succulent plants can't breathe. After several nights in a row, chances are many of them will rot. Other than careful watering, there is nothing that can be done. **\*\*Remember, many plant families make up the succulent species, the best known being cactus. Virtually all cacti (or cactuses) are succulents, but many succulents are not cactus\*\*.**

### Garden Maintenance

**Control spider mites**—Windstorms deposit a film of dust on foliage, and spider mites thrive in such dusty conditions. Signs of mites include rusty coloration (many species are rust-colored), fine webbing, and white or yellow pinpricks where they pierced foliage to suck sap. Hose off plants with a blast of water as frequently as needed to remove dust and inhibit mites. The best times to spray are early morning or late afternoon so that evaporated salt residue in the water doesn't "burn" foliage during the heat of day. Spraying in the evening isn't recommended because foliage that remains wet encourages fungal diseases.

**Replenish mulch**—As needed, replenish several inches of bark chips, compost, dried leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, straw or a mix of these as top dressing in garden beds, containers, around the root zones of landscape plants and on permeable paths. Mulch reduces soil temperatures, maintains soil moisture and inhibits weeds. Granite mulch performs these same functions, although the above organic mulches add nutrients to the soil as they break down.

**Citrus**—Citrus requires specific care and should be fertilized for the third time this year with 1/3 to 1/2

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pound of actual nitrogen for mature trees. Late summer application of nitrogen probably helps fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navels and tangerines) than spring ripening (grapefruits and valencias) varieties.

### August Observations

**Hummingbirds**- There is a dramatic increase in hummingbird activity this month, as many species begin “tanking up” fat reserves for migration, and other species arrive here on their way south.

**Scorpions** and **Black Widow Spiders** are active during hot summer nights. Both are effective predators of other insects. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is generally not life threatening. One species of scorpion is potentially

dangerous, the bark scorpion.

**Desert Hackberry** shrubs ripen this month and will be full of little orange fruits. Leave them for the birds and other wildlife. Look for Empress Leilia hackberry butterflies in the foliage.

**Prickly Pear Cactus** fruit begins to ripen. Many birds, mammals and insects will feed on them.

Blooms continue on plants such as **Barrel Cacti**.

**Bean Pods**- The fruit or bean pods from our native trees are still with us which means it was a very good year for our trees!

### Desert Trees

**Planting**- Late August is the best time of the year to plant hardy desert trees. Maintain a generous watering schedule to get the trees off to a good start. As the weather cools, they will be establishing a good root system. As these trees grow through fall and winter they will be in a much better position to handle next summer's heat than the spring-planted nursery stock.

**Pruning** - Prune *mesquites* and *eucalyptus* trees now if you haven't pruned them yet. There are two main reasons for summer pruning: First, these trees effectively compartmentalize pruning wounds, especially during this time of active growth so it's safe to prune in the extreme heat. Second, because they are near the end of their spring and summer growth.

### Vegetable Planting

August is the start of our late summer/early fall vegetable planting season and continues into November. Unless our monsoon has a dramatic, positive change, I would hold off until September which will still give you plenty of time. I'll provide more details on fall planting in September.

### Rabbits

As Bellasera began to mature and grow as a community, the rabbit population grew and matured along with us. I'm sure our beautiful landscape and gardens contributed nicely to their food supply. Over the years that population has been kept under control. Rabbit fencing has been a contributor along with Harris Hawks, Bobcats, Coyotes and other predators. Remember, they are at the bottom of the food chain. If hungry enough, rabbits will eat almost anything, except what is poisonous. There are a number of plants that rabbits do **not** like and you should have success growing them. The following are **not** on their menu:

<u>Lavender</u> (All types except Canary island lavender)	<u>Salvia</u>
<u>Geranium</u>	<u>Rosemary</u> <u>Desert Marigold</u>
<u>Vinca</u>	<u>Yellow Bells</u>
<u>Trumpet Bush</u>	<u>Mexican Bird of Paradise</u>
<u>Penstemon</u>	<u>Bougainvillea</u>

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

# \*Community Calendar—August 2016\*

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
Brush & Bulk Collection Week	Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker, 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
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14	15 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	16 Modifications 12 noon Poker 7 p.m.	17 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	18 Luncheon 12 noon	19 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	20
21	22 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23 Poker 7 p.m.	24 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 2 p.m.	25	26 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	27
28 Brush & Bulk Collection Week	29 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	30 Poker 7 p.m.	31 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.			

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

After-school Nanny/Kid Transporter. Beginning August 17 or 18, long-time Bellasera family needs after-school nanny to pickup kids (8, 7, 4) in mid-town Phoenix (Indian School/Central Ave.) and take to after-school activities and home. Dates: generally Mon. thru Thurs., from 3:30 to 8:10 (3 hr daily min.; avg. 16 hrs/week), exact hrs. depend on day, and sometimes Friday instead of one of other weekdays (with advanced warning).

Must love kids! Duties include pickups and drop-offs. Responsibilities would include safely and timely picking up and transporting kids to sports and after-school activities and bringing kids home for dinner (light meal prep may be needed), homework and bedtime. It is important to us that you have a safe, reliable, and insured car, clean driving record (pref. age 22 yrs. +), comfortable driving along 51 and 101, and that your car can fit 3 easily moveable booster seats (provided by us) in back seat. Kids love playing games and reading. Let me know if you are interested by contacting **Beth, 602-828-1176** (cell) or **nillen@cox.net**. We look forward to hearing from you!

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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**.

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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**.

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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.

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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.*

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

Dinette Set - Hand carved comfortable table and 6 chairs in brown wood. Reasonably priced. **Sandi** or **Allan, 480-625-3700**.

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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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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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**manager@azbellasera.org**

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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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## **Committees**

### **Budget & Finance**

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