

# Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Ten Pages



## Not So “Green, Green Grass of Home”

The *green grass* area near the clubhouse has been anything but the past few months. Think ugly brown.

When the association’s new landscape company took over grounds maintenance in July it discovered an extremely thick layer of dead rye grass from the prior winter over seeding. The company’s crew immediately scalped & de-thatched the area, hoping the summer Bermuda would recover. Didn’t happen.

The plan now is to over seed with winter rye -- early this year -- in September. If the old Bermuda does not recover next spring, it’ll have to be reseeded before the hot spring/summer growing season.

## Bellasera Burglary

A Bellasera resident recently reported their home had been burglarized. The police report indicates nothing significant was stolen, only some beverages. The patio door was left open by the intruders, allowing entry of a couple desert critters.

Yet another reminder to constantly be on alert for the security of your home...and be watchful for unusual activity in your neighborhood.

## In Memory

Long time Bellasera resident **Dan Bradley**, 78, passed away on Saturday, August 6 after a long illness.

Dan was a prime advocate for, and architect of, the Bellasera Dog Park. He was the ribbon-cutter when the park opened in February 2013.

Survivors include **Pat**, his wife of 60 years; son, **Daniel**; daughter, **Elizabeth**; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a sister, **Eloise**.

### Meeting Notices

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

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

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

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

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, September 14** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, September 8** at **12 noon**.

### **Bulk Trash Pickup**

Please do not put out bulk trash material more than 3 days (Friday) before the scheduled pickup week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **August Weather In Bellasera**

(August 1—August 28)

Highest temperature: **109**

Lowest temperature: **67**

Rainfall this month: **2.55 inches**

Rainfall this year: **6.09 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, October 3**, with the next pickup the week of **October 31**.

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 Potluck Dinner is returning on **Friday, September 9** with hosts, **Linda** and **Bart Sotnick**.

We look forward to seeing all our returning “snow bird” friends so we can catch up on all the summer adventures, and enjoy good food together.

## **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**

The **Thursday September 15** lunch is being hosted by **Diane Gaberman** at Arcadia Farms, 7025 E 1st Avenue, Scottsdale, at **12 noon**. She's requesting 'cash only' for the lunch and carpooling is available. Call **Diane, 480-488-7971**, for more information.

## **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**.

## **Bellasera in the Rear View Mirror**

*A look back in Bellasera history. This 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, September 2006, 10 years ago**

- New Projects—Our next big project is to get the remaining common walls painted. This is the last year of this project. We are in the process of obtaining bids and we should be able to get started in September.
- We will proceed with a professional asphalt evaluation in preparation for updating our reserve study. The evaluation will provide information on current condition, recommended maintenance practices and estimated life remaining before replacement is needed.
- I would like to provide a reminder that will help in keeping our community a beautiful place to live. Please be sure your bulk trash is put out the week of scheduled pick-up only (would the people who are putting their yard clippings in the common area at the corner of Balao Drive and 77th Way please STOP). Pick-up dates are shown in our newsletter, which can be found on the Bellasera website.—Chuck Roach, Board President.
- August 1st also marked our 1 year anniversary at Bellasera. It has been truly a rewarding experience. An ongoing challenge we have faced is the transition from full-time onsite management to parttime management. We continue to strive to provide the best possible customer support and assistance to homeowners. That is our #1 priority and consequently we receive many compliments on this. We want to personally thank you for that. Also, one of the most difficult challenges is the proverbial “making everyone happy.” Bottom line is “we can’t” but we sure do try! There will continue to be conflicting opinions from homeowners on what in their view is best for the community. We ascertain as to what needs most improvement and what can wait. Throw in unpredictable vendor and contractor schedules into the mix and it can cause some discontent.—Patti, Community Manager.

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

- Recent new residents Charlie and Becky Johnson bought their home on 74th Way in January. It's a second home for the couple, which will allow them to escape the grey and wet Seattle winters. Charlie is a retired dentist, while Becky spent her work years as an apparel merchandiser. Their hobbies include golf, hiking and biking. They plan to be good neighbors.
- Welcome to new residents Dave and Kris Reid who moved into their home on Corva Drive in June from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dave attended ASU and they always loved the Scottsdale community. Kris is a marketing director at John C. Lincoln hospital and Dave runs a fire truck manufacturing company. They both enjoy traveling and hiking in the desert, and look forward to getting to know you.
- Greetings to Pat Gillette and a warm welcome to a former resident of Bellasera. Pat and her husband Bob lived on Visao Drive for more than 10 years before Bob passed away in 2009. At that point Pat decided to live with her daughter in Maryland for a while, but Arizona and friends drew her back.
- Your Assessments at Work: By choosing to live in a planned community, we agreed to a partnership with our neighbors for ownership of the common areas which are maintained by funds from our quarterly assessments. The Board and our management staff strive to keep costs down, but it is up to all of us to pitch in and help. When our shared property is damaged, we all must pay for it. —Susan Loiselle, Board President.



## September in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

### Fall Is In The Air...Our Desert Comes Alive!

If you're from the Midwest or East coast (or a similar climate), you probably have memories associated with the arrival of fall such as:

• Sweatshirts • Jeans • Falling Leaves • Shrinking Daylight Hours • Cooler Temperatures

Here in our beautiful Sonoran Desert and, more specifically Bellasera, we experience some of those same reminders of fall and others that are rather unique to us. Try these:

- The sun shifts from a northern to southern arc for us also but it's more dramatic or apparent. Why? Well, most of our homes are oriented north/south and 85% of our days are sunny. We are aware of the sun. Observe your plants that have a southern exposure, they've perked up.
- Shorter days and cooler nighttime temperatures. This past week, we've had a taste of fall as our morning temperatures have been hovering near 70° along with pleasant evenings.
- 2016 Quail hatchlings are approaching full maturity and have joined their parents in dodging your car.
- Gardens are beginning to come alive, especially Lantana and Pink Fairy Duster.
- Bean pods, from our native trees, are finally disappearing from our streets.

I encourage you to take a few minutes out of your day, walk around our garden and observe the changes. There are other signs of fall but, to some of us, the only sign that matters is the arrival of football!

### August Was Good To Your Garden...Time To Pay Attention!

September slowly ushers in fall and is an important month for your garden as your plants will start to recover from the heat of the summer with the cooling nighttime temperatures. To help things along, our monsoon finally came alive in August and the welcome rainfall has provided moisture and much needed nutrients for your plants and trees. It has also made the ground soft which is critical as we get ready for **fall planting!**

### Fall Planting

**When to Plant-** October is considered prime planting time for us in the low-desert. However, you can start in mid-September providing the night temperature falls in the 70's which makes it less stressful for root systems to establish and plants don't need as much water to survive. If you start planting in mid-September, you should still monitor plants for signs of water stress.

#### **What to Plant**

**Desert-adapted landscape plants-** Trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials, cacti and succulents can all be planted this month, after September 15. Early fall planting allows roots to become established in warm soils before cold nighttime temperatures set in. Just be aware of their potential mature height and width, allowing room to grow without interference or unnecessary pruning to keep them in bounds.

**\* Planting Tips:** Dig planting holes three to five times as wide as a plant's root ball. This wide area of loosened soil helps roots spread outward to seek water and nutrients, as well as to develop a sturdy base. The hole should be dug only as deep as the root ball, to prevent the plant from sinking lower than ground level when soil "settles" after planting and irrigation.

**Vegetables-** Yes, you can grow vegetables here in Bellasera. If you have the inclination, energy and time, try these:

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



Carrots  
Beets  
Green Onions  
Radishes  
Garlic  
Endive  
Lettuce (head)  
Lettuce (leaf)  
Cabbage  
Cauliflower  
Broccoli

#### When to Plant

Sept.20-Nov. 1  
Sept. 20 -Dec 15  
Sept. 15 - Nov. 15  
Oct. 1 - Nov. 30  
Oct. 1- Oct.31  
Sept. 1 - Nov. 15  
Aug. 20 - Sept. 20  
Sept. 1 - Nov. 15  
Sept. 20 - Oct. 1  
Sept. 20 -Oct. 1  
Sept.20 - Oct. 10

#### How

Seeds  
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**NOTE:** The major keys to success are **site selection** and **soil preparation** which I won't cover here but can be found in the September 2014 newsletter which is archived on our web site: [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org).

### **Balance in Your Garden**

As you evaluate your landscape to decide what needs adding or replacing, consider **balance**.

Balance is everything in a garden. Wiping out all the pests is not a realistic or even a desirable goal. If there were no aphids, lady beetles would starve. If we don't share the leaves of our plants with caterpillars, we would not experience the joy of watching butterflies. If there were no fungi or bacteria nothing would breakdown to recycle back into the system. Everything has its place and purpose. Select plants that are resistant to known pests, keep them healthy (stressed plants are more vulnerable to pest problems), tolerate a little "damage", and marvel at the many tiny and grand "battles" of nature keeping your yard in balance.

### **Miscellaneous Tasks For September**

**Fertilization-** This is the month for that last application of fertilizer before cold weather arrives. Use a low nitrogen formula so as to prevent excessive new growth. Plants need a chance to harden off to prepare for the cold as new growth will likely freeze with the onset of a frost.

**Freshen Up Roses-** Prepare rosebushes for their second bloom cycle. Just as new growth begins to appear, remove any dead or damaged canes. Lightly trim weak top growth. Remove suckers that arise from below the bud union (a raised bump where the variety and rootstock are grafted) because they waste the plant's energy and will not produce desired blooms. Do not remove more than one-third of the total bush. Feed with a slow-release fertilizer to last through fall.

**Weeds-** Unfortunately, our monsoon will cause weeds to sprout which will compete with garden plants for moisture, nutrients and sunlight. So, please pull them.

**Watering-** Keep an eye on the temperatures and be prepared to adjust your watering schedules. If it is one of those years where it is still above 100° and the nights are still hot, hold off on the water cutbacks until early October. Those plants that are just waking up after the hot summer will want water.

**Grass-** If you are one of the few with grass and plan to overseed with ryegrass in October, stop fertilizing warm season Bermuda lawns four to six weeks prior.

**Citrus-** If you did not do so in August, fertilize with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirement.

### **Did You know?**

If the summer rains were good and the corresponding blooms of milkweed are abundant, large numbers of beautiful monarch butterflies may be seen in low- to mid-elevation canyons.

### **Pinnacle Peak Park**

If you have never been there, now is a perfect time. The recent rain and cooler temperatures have produced a sea of green up and down the mountain. There is a well maintained trail and you don't have to hike very far to enjoy its splendor. Give it try: it's only 15 minutes from Bellasera.

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

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**\*Community Calendar—September 2016\***  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  <b>Labor Day</b>	Poker, 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.		Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  <b>Potluck 6—9 p.m.</b>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	<b>Building &amp; Grounds 1 pm.</b>  Poker 7 p.m.	<b>Communications 8:30 a.m.</b>  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  <b>Modifications 12 noon</b>	<b>Luncheon 12 noon</b>	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  <b>Budget &amp; Finance 2 p.m.</b>	<b>Board of Directors 1 p.m.</b>	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Yoga 8:45 a.m.  Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	Poker 7 p.m.	Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  7		Water Aerobics 10 a.m.  Bridge 1:30 p.m.	

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

2002 Ford Explorer (Eddie Bauer Edition), blue/tan, perfect condition, 63,000 original miles.  
Phone **720-934-8356**.

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Steve and Joan Wallace, Realtors – We just sold **Dean's** home and he said "We had the pleasure of listing our vacation home with **Steve & Joan**. They came very prepared at our first meeting and presented us with a detailed sales package & strategy specific to our home which resulted in a quick sale within 30 days. Their communication & updates were excellent, were exceptionally patient & accommodating especially with us being out of the country, and manage their business like true professionals. Overall, we were extremely happy with the process and would recommend them to anyone in a heartbeat! " 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**.

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

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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)**.

*(more Classifieds on next page)*



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

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**, e-mail: **Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**.

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Pavers, Synthetic Lawn, Rock & Boulders. We specialized on Landscape Design & Remodeling. No Maintenance. We have excellent referrals from Bellasera & Terravita Residents. Quality Service and Great rates! Call **Steve**, **480-331-8707** (text or voice), **www.CactusCityLandscape.com**, email: **Steve@CactusCityLandscape.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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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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