

Bellasera Neighborhood News

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Ten Pages



Roll Call — Bellasera Veterans

Next month we plan to recognize Bellasera veterans. To insure all are included, if you're a veteran please e-mail editor@azbellasera.org with your branch & dates of service.

Board Back

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

Board Resumes Regular Meeting Schedule. After a summer hiatus, the Board resumed its regular monthly meeting schedule in September. Upcoming Board meetings are calendared in each edition of the newsletter. All Board meetings are public and residents and owners are encouraged to attend.

Fall Landscaping Work Begins. As we do each fall, our landscapers will be over seeding our (formerly) grassy common area next to the clubhouse and the Dog Park with winter rye grass. Over seeding in the common area will be done a bit earlier this year in an effort to bring it back to an attractive green. The Dog Park will need to be closed for a few weeks after the seed is spread in order to allow the new seed to germinate and establish. We will send out an e-mail blast when we know the dates the Dog Park will be closed.

Garage Lights Reminder

It's that time again! It will start to get dark earlier in Arizona and that means it is time for every homeowner to check their exterior garage lights to make sure they are working as well as the landscape lights. If you have questions about the landscape and Architectural Design Guidelines you can review them on our website at www.azbellasera.org under the Governing Documents Tab. Thank you!

Flood Control Meeting

—By Dennis Soeffner

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County(FCD) conducted a viewing of the preliminary study results for proposed 100-year floodplain revisions in our area.

An open house, open forum format meeting was held on September 20 & 22 at the Horseshoe Trails Elementary School, 5405 E Pinnacle Vista Drive in Phoenix. Property owners were able to talk to representative of the FCD, City of Scottsdale and other agencies involved in the process.

At the meetings property owners in the “Fan 5 & 6 Floodplain Redelineation Area” were able to look at charts depicting current flood plain pattern as established in the mid-1990’s, prior to many communities (such as Bellasera) being built compared to the proposed maps. Other charts depicted such items as how the flood hazard modeling and data has developed and refined with an appropriate terminology.

The charts depicted the current designations such as X: not in the flood plain, AE: riverine flooding.

These designations are scheduled for new labels such as AE: riverine flooding and A Flood Plane.

Time frame chart was provided which outlined the time from proposed to final FEMA approval ranging from 2 to 4 years.

So what does all this mean to you? The information may indicate that the revision to the floodplain will potentially affect a property owner’s requirement to purchase flood insurance.

If you were not able to attend the open house, you can view the proposed changes online at

<http://fcd.maricopa.gov/FansRedelineation/>.

City of Scottsdale storm water management staff can assist property owners with questions about this process. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “flood map changes.”

Like A Good Neighbor

When I arrived at the clubhouse at 5 a.m. the garbage can was open and there was garbage everywhere. The usual suspects were in the gym, including **Al Ricciardi**. When he left, **Al** picked up all of the garbage (and there was a lot).

Although **Al** had to get to work that morning, he took the time to take care of this. Too often we hear about garage doors that are left open or garbage cans out too early, but we don’t hear enough about good deeds like this. It’s the little things like this that make the difference. It is also a reminder that Bellasera belongs to each and every one of us and that we should always act with that in mind. Nice going **Al!**

—Amorette Dietz

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, October 20** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, October 19** at **2 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 11** at **1 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, November 16** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 11** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, October 6** at **12 noon**.

Pool Guests

Terravita is having work done on their pool on October 4-6 and we have reciprocal pool rights allowing them to use our pool during that time. They will be checked in at the gate and receive temporary clubhouse entry FOBS.

September Weather In Bellasera

(September 1—September 26)

Highest temperature: **102**

Lowest temperature: **56**

Rainfall this month: **0.10 inch**

Rainfall this year: **6.19 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: 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 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 September Potluck Dinner brought 15 friendly folks out to enjoy an evening together. Conversations flowed faster than the wine, and the food was decidedly delicious. We actually all stayed past 9:00 p.m.

Looking forward to our October 14 Dinner, which will be hosted by **Janet** and **Frank Biondo**.

If you want to make it "An Octoberfest" just bring your favorite beer. See you then.



The Water Aerobics group had their third-quarter-birthday-luncheon to honor **Janice Lewandowski** (l) and **Lynn Melman** (r). Two of our other Birthday Gals, **Carol Padwe** and **Sandra Rooks** were unable to make the luncheon.

If you would like to join us for water aerobics fun, just show up on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** at **10:00 a.m.** It is free and we supply you with an underwater video of the program. Then, you too could be included in our quarterly birthday luncheons.

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

Over the summer we read "The Nest" by **Cynthia Sweeney** and "Queen Of The Road" by **Doreen Orion**. We will discuss these books when we meet at the clubhouse on **Wednesday, October 26** at **noon**. "The Lake House" by **Kate Morton** is our pick for October. Everyone who loves to read is welcome to join us. Any questions contact **Karen Moore**, kresmor60@gmail.com.

Pilates

Healthy, strong bodies begin at Bellasera with Pilates Classes! November 1—December 29, 2016, 3 classes/week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday @9:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. Instructor: **Dona Perreault**. Please contact **Dona**, dona2@shaw.ca. Maximum 7 participants per session to ensure optimum instruction and participant satisfaction – so please contact **Dona** ASAP to register.

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, October 2006, 10 years ago

- Do you enjoy walking the desert trails at Bellasera? Do you wonder what construction projects are going on? Do you want to see how your association works behind the scenes? If so, consider becoming a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. There is space for three more members for a one-year term.
- Sunday, November 12: Veteran's Day Brunch for veterans and anyone who has served in any capacity in the Armed Forces. Significant others invited. There is no cost to residents.
- Clubhouse. Getting the repairs completed resulting from the roof problems is taking longer than we had hoped due to the rainy weather. By the time this letter gets out to all of you, the fitness room repairs and final stucco and painting on the roof should be completed. The men's shower will take a few more weeks to complete. With any luck, we will get everything done and won't need to make any more major repairs for a long time to come!
- Common Area Painting. We received bids for the work and should be in a position to make a decision at the September 28 Board meeting. If we are able to stay on the present schedule, we should be able to begin work in October. Our thanks to everyone who has either gotten their homes painted or are in the process. We will be making follow up inspections in October and sending out second courtesy notices to those homeowners we believe need to consider painting.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, October 2011, 5 years ago

- The Bellasera Design Guidelines have been revised. Changes appear on page 32, Rain Gutters; page 29, Flagpoles/ Brackets; Appendix A. The revised document was e-mailed to all residents on September 19, and can be found on our web site.
- For the October hike, we want to use a nearby trail and have chosen the Gateway Loop trail in the McDowell-Sonoran Preserve. This trail is a loop of about 4.4 miles with a 680 ft elevation gain. We have done this trail before and everyone enjoyed it. Nice views and a nice rest stop at the high point of the loop. We hope to see more of us there as more residents return to the Valley. Perhaps it will be cooler in a few weeks.
- We have recently replaced our front and back gate opener readers. After 13 years of service and changes in technology, our old ones were obsolete and no longer functioning properly. We will soon begin the transition from our hard, black transponders (gate openers) to a model which will improve our vehicular security. Over time, our security has been breached as non-homeowners have gained possession of our transponders and have used them for unauthorized access to our community. For example: Del Webb distributed transponders to contractors; residents have given them to landscapers or friends; others have moved away and not returned them to us. We encountered a non-resident at our pool who received her transponder from a family member who has not lived here for 5 years. We need to ensure the integrity of our vehicle access system. Our new transponders will be non-transferable. They are battery-free and made of a thin, pliable material which will permanently adhere to the windshield of owner-owned or leased vehicles. When removed, they will cease to operate, thereby eliminating the possibility of being used by unauthorized individuals.



October in the Garden

—By Joe McDade

We Made It!

We got an unexpected dose of wonderful weather at the end of September. Hopefully, the moderate daytime temperatures along with the cool nights and mornings are a preview of coming attractions and we can now expect seven or eight months of moderate, comfortable weather. I think our neighbors, who arrived early from their cooler climate getaways, made the right choice.

This is the Month to Dig In!

In September, we touched on fall planting but emphasized that October is the low desert's (we live in the heart of it) best month to plant just about everything—**trees, shrubs, perennials, ground-covers, vines, ornamental grasses, cacti, succulents, wildflowers, cool-season veggies, herbs and flowers.** Temperatures have abated to a comfortable level, while soil remains sufficiently warm to promote seed germination and root growth. Seven to eight months of moderate temperatures are ahead of us, which will allow plants to establish before summer's heat returns. So forget garden maintenance chores this month and **Dig In!**

What to Plant-Some Suggestions

Cool-Season Vegetables- Why do we call them cool season veggies? They respond to short days and cool nights and they are grown from September through April. So, sow seeds directly into the soil for *peas, root crops (beets, carrots, onions, parsnips, radishes, kohlrabi, turnips), chard and all sorts of leafy greens.* Sow seeds or set out transplants in the *cabbage family (bok choy, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and kale).*

In the September column, I included a detailed list of which cool season veggies to plant and when to plant them. You can find the column archived at azbellasera.org.

Herbs-Growing herbs are really very easy. If you prefer not to dig, most of them can be easily grown in pots. Also, "starter pots" are available at most grocery stores at a reasonable price.

Sow seeds for: •borage •caraway •chamomile •chives •cilantro •dill •fennel •horehound •lemon •balm •parsley •salad burnet •sorrel

Transplant: •marjoram •mint •oregano •rosemary •thyme •sage.

Spice up culinary options with: •chocolate mint •lemongrass •pineapple sage. **Hint:** Grow mint in containers to control its spreading root system.

Shrubs-Some Recommendations

Here in the Sonoran Desert, we do not get the brilliant fall colors like other areas. However, I would recommend that you consider several shrubs (below) that rise to the occasion.

Heavenly Bamboo - An Asian plant which turns bright red to red- orange in the fall

Firebush - As the weather cools, leaves begin to turn a dark coppery red. They remain this color through the winter.

Beach Vitex - Before this deciduous shrub loses its leaves they turn a dusky purple-red.

Crape Myrtle - Coloring is variable, but most plants turn a reddish hue before they lose their leaves.

Mexican Jumping Bean - This hot weather loving shrub leaves turn a fiery red in late winter.

Copper-leaved Caesalpinia - The small leaves turn from a deep burnished red to a bright golden red through the winter.

Suggestion: Please try and avoid pruning shrubs into absurd shapes.

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

This past summer has been a real challenge to maintain annuals and, if you suffered through it like I did, now is the time to tear the summer annuals out and rejuvenate your pots. So, bring some color to your surroundings with winter annuals (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.

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



- **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.*
- **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.*

Watering

Yes, it is finally time to cut back on your watering. Reduce watering frequencies as plant needs decrease with shorter, cooler days. Once the temperatures begin dipping below 100° gradually start cutting back water to all plants to begin hardening them off for the winter. Remember, both frequency and duration need to be adjusted gradually. Do not stop cold turkey. Change your irrigation timer to reflect the changes in temperature.

Miscellaneous Tasks

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

Landscape Plants- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate re-bloom.

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

Prune- Cut back spring-flowering perennials like *brittlebush*, *globe mallow*, *ruellia*, and groundcovers like *sundrops*, and *trailing bush* hard this month. If the plant is especially leggy or unruly, prune to remove at least 1/3 of the plant or more. After pruning, water well.

Winter lawn—If you choose to overseed warm-season Bermuda grass with cool-season rye grass, do so from mid-October to mid-November, when nighttime temperatures are in the mid-60s (yes, we still have some lawns).

Desert Observations

Desert Broom- 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.

Our Friendly Skies- Wintering hawks arrive; common raptors include northern harriers, rough-legged and ferruginous hawks, kestrels, Merlins, and prairie falcons. Turkey vultures are mostly gone, but loud groups of common ravens replace them on carrion patrol.

Enjoy Our Weather!

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

Community Calendar—October 2016

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 1/8
Brush & Bulk Week					Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	
9	10 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Columbus Day	11 Modifications 12 noon Building & Grounds 1 pm. Poker, 7 p.m.	12 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	13	14 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Potluck 6—9 p.m.	15
16	17 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	18 Poker 7 p.m.	19 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 2 p.m.	20 Board of Directors 1 p.m.	21 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	22
23	24 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	25 Poker 7 p.m.	26 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Book Club 12 noon	27	28 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	29
30 Brush & Bulk Week	31 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Halloween					

****Bellasera Classifieds****

Steve and Joan Wallace, Realtors: We helped **Mike** and **Lana** find a home in the Valley of the Sun (Fountain Hills): "**Joan and Steve Wallace are the most professional and honest real estate agents we have ever worked with. They were extremely responsive to every phone call and e-mail and were always willing to go the extra mile. Since our primary home is in Illinois, we were not familiar with certain aspects of owning a home in Arizona. Joan and Steve were always ready to answer any concerns, recommend vendors for home maintenance, etc. With their combined experience, knowledge of the market and attention to detail, we would highly recommend Joan and Steve Wallace.**

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**.

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, e-mail: Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com.

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.

E-mail your ad to editor@azbellasera.org.

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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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