

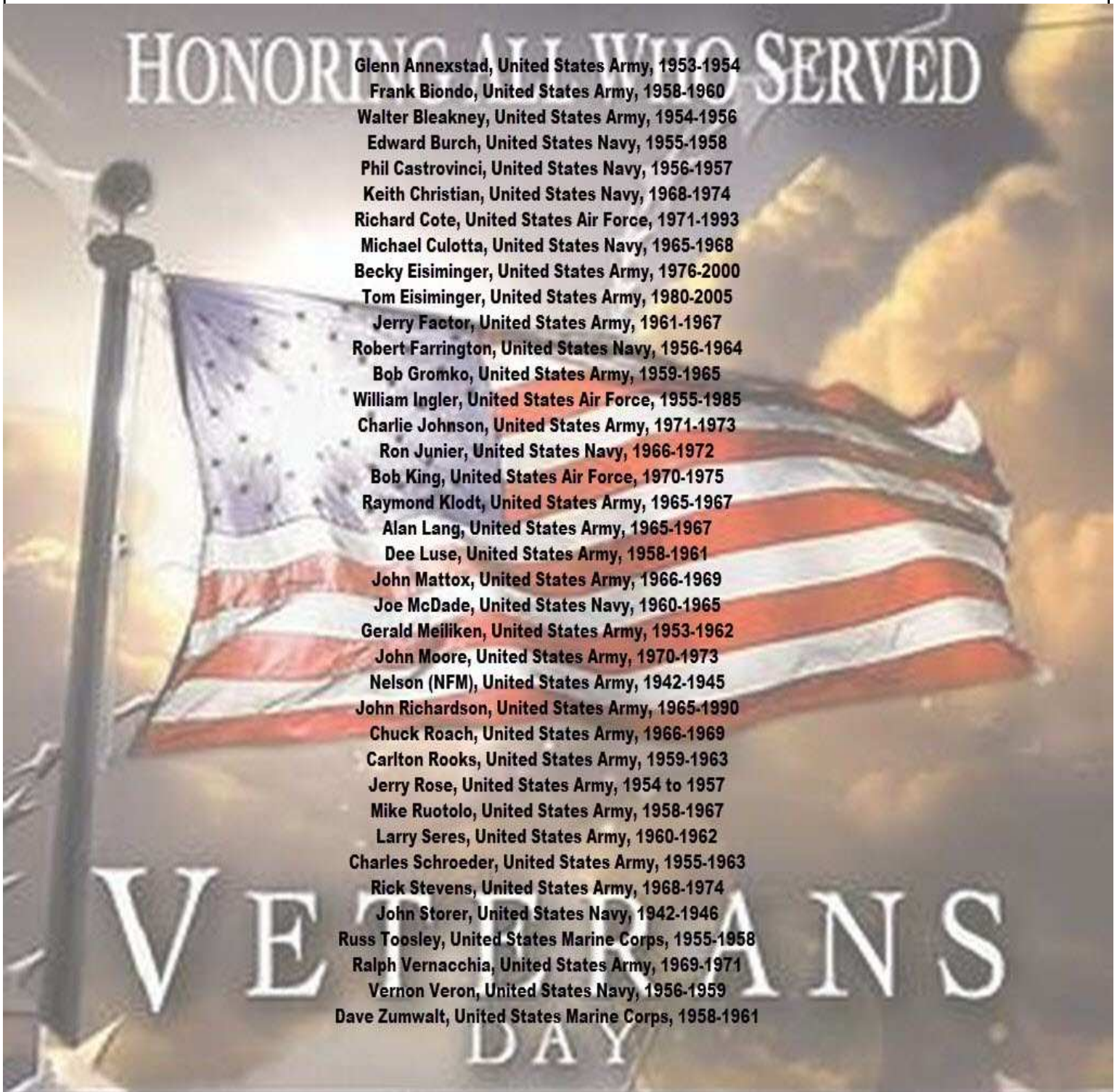
Bellasera Neighborhood News

November 2016

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Ten Pages

On November 11 (and every day) we acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the following men and women who call Bellasera home.



Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, November 30** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Monday, November 21** at **2 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 8** at **1 p.m.**

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 8** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, November 3** at **12 noon**.

Notary Service

Laurie Forte, our Office Administrator, is now a Notary for Maricopa County and can notarize documents for residents during normal office hours.

October Weather In Bellasera

(October 1—October 30)

Highest temperature: **96**

Lowest temperature: **53**

Rainfall this month: **0.21 inch**

Rainfall this year: **6.46 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 31**, with the next pickup the week of **December 5**.

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.

The October Potluck dinner was hosted by **Janet** and **Frank Biondo** and we were happy to welcome 3 new couples to Bellasera at our potluck. As usual, we all enjoyed another opportunity to spend an evening with friends.

The **November 11** Potluck Dinner in the clubhouse will be hosted by **Joanne** and **Paul Anetsberger**. Come join us as we celebrate and remember all our veterans.

Water Aerobics

If you would like to join us for water aerobics fun, just show up on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** at **11:00 a.m.** It is free and we supply you with an underwater video of the program.

Yoga

The regular yoga class will meet at a new time, **9:45 a.m.** on **Mondays**. For more information, contact **Judith Zeiger, 480-760-5645, jazeiger@cox.net**.

Brown Bag Book Club

On **Wednesday, November 16** at **noon** in the clubhouse, we will be discussing "Lake House" by **Kate Morton**. Bring along some ideas for future reads. We are looking forward to the beginning of our new "reading season." More info, e-mail **kkmoore60@gmail.com**.

Golf

Bellasera golf group will start playing every Tuesday morning from November 1, 2016 and will continue through April 2017.

Anyone interested in playing golf with the group should contact **Fred Obser, 480-323-5029**.

The group usually start around 8:30 in the morning. Depending on a group rate we are planning to play at Dove Valley Ranch located just off Carefree Highway.

Hikers

We had a very successful 2015/16 hiking season thanks to the hikers who organized one hike each month. We had a variety of hikes, lots of fun & we look forward to a new season. As we did last season we will depend on individuals to select a month from the calendar & plan a hike.

Organizing a hike involves selecting a month, a day, a hike location, putting a notice in the newsletter & leading the group on the hike day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

The November hike will be on the west side of Browns Ranch in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. We will hike the Hackamore & Cone Mountain trails for a 3.5 mile loop. These trails are rated easy with beautiful boulders & gentle ups & downs. I invite any new hikers to come & join the fun.

The hike is **Thursday, November 10**. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at **9 a.m.** Remember to bring water, hat, sunscreen & a snack. Please sign up in the clubhouse or e-mail me, **Karen Meiliken, Meiliken1@aol.com**.

Ladies Luncheon

Judy Bernett is hosting the luncheon for November. It will be held on **Thursday, November 10** at **noon** at the Pinnacle Grille located at 10428 East Jomax. **Judy** can be contacted for more information, tolongdogs@aol.com or **602-309-7692**. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

Holiday Bazaar

You are invited to the annual holiday bazaar, **Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5** from **9 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church, corner of Pima & Cave Creek Roads.

There will be 70 vendors offering jewelry, pet boutique, purses, apparel, photography, water color paintings and much more. Including the corner cafe, the book nook, and sweets & treats.

Free admission, plenty of free parking, and a raffle.

New Vending Machine

There is a brand new Coke machine in the clubhouse. This new machine will carry various Coke products including various waters, energy drinks, tea and of course Coke/Diet Coke etc. The machine accepts both cash and credit/debit cards. Don't see a Coke product you would like to purchase? Let **Laurie** know and she will try to accommodate your request.

In the 'Hood

All the construction activity on the southwest corner of Scottsdale & Lone Mountain Roads is for a 56-bed specialized residential healthcare facility. Plans are for a facility with approximately 38,600 square feet of building area in two buildings, on a five acre site located at 7171 East Lone Mountain Road.

Where Have All The Owls Gone?

A number of residents have noticed our nights are absent the familiar "Hooting" as our Owls seemed to have disappeared. There are various reasons that might be causing this, one of them being feeding on rodents that have been poisoned. If you are having a rodent problem, please refrain from using poisons as that can have a deadly chain reaction on our precious wildlife.

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, November 2006, 10 years ago

- On Sunday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m., the Activities Committee will host a Veterans' Day brunch in the clubhouse. If you are a veteran or have served in the armed forces in any capacity, you are invited, with your significant other, to join us to commemorate this holiday. Please sign up at the clubhouse by November 9.
- Community Luncheon on Thursday, November 9 at 12:00 noon to introduce Jyl Steinbeck, "The Healthiest Mom in America". She has written over 20 cookbooks and will discuss nutrition, health, physical fitness and skincare. A catered lunch will be served at no cost to residents. This event is in place of the monthly luncheon and is a week earlier than the usual event scheduled for the third Thursday. Please sign up at the clubhouse by November 13.
- Clubhouse Repairs. The roof leak saga continues! After the last rain, another leak was found and has now been repaired. The fitness room ceiling will be redone as soon as our contractor and Board are convinced all leaks have been located and repaired. For those of you concerned about the cost of this project, everything after the first repair is covered under our warranty.
- Audit. The Board decided a formal, independent audit of the Association's financial records should be conducted. This will include a review and evaluation of the internal controls of the Association and its management company. The selection of an auditor will take place at the October 26 Board meeting.

Bellasera Neighborhood News, November 2011, 5 years ago

- You will soon be receiving a copy of our revised Assessment Collection Policy in the mail which will go into effect on January 1, 2012. Bellasera's primary source of income is from the collection of assessments. As a result of current economic circumstances, our community has experienced an increase in unpaid or overdue assessments. These shortfalls make it difficult for our Association to keep up with ongoing operating expenses, eventually resulting in our inability to maintain the community to the high standards our owners have come to expect.
- We are now ready to begin the transition from our old transponders to a windshield model that updates our technology and improves our vehicular security. The new transponders will be available beginning Saturday, November 12, 2012. The transition period will continue until March 31, 2012. All old transponders will be deactivated at the Lone Mountain gate beginning February 1, 2012, and all old transponders will be deactivated at the Scottsdale Road gate beginning April 1, 2012.
- Come meet Bellasera resident Barbara Lukavsky who will be signing her book, "The Road Home - Finding my Way", at Tatum Ranch Golf Club on Wednesday, November 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Barb describes an American woman's journey through grief, peril, romance and rediscovery in South Africa after the death of her son and husband within a six month's period. Books will be available on site and she will be happy to meet you and personalize your book.



—By Joe McDade

November in the Garden

Cool Nights and Short Days....Finally!

Well, October certainly ended on a warm note, but November should bring us cool nights and short days marking the beginning of our transition to winter. This month traditionally provides us an opportunity to truly enjoy and appreciate our surroundings and jump start you into a festive mood for the holidays. Halloween ushers in the month which culminates with Thanksgiving. So, think pumpkins, turkey football and, why not, Chicago Cubs!

It's Rest Time For Your Garden... Prepare for Winter and Show Color!

Your garden also looks forward to this month as our **cool nights, short days** along with **milder temperatures** will lull your garden into a much needed rest now through January. Plants actually move sugars and other energy, which has been manufactured all season by the leaves, into storage until needed next spring. With this change in season, you will need to make adjustments in how to care for your garden in preparation for winter. Also, let me remind you that our gardens in Bellasera don't go dark in the winter as they will exude plenty of color. I'll attempt to provide some insight along with suggestions on this topic.

Prepare for Winter

Water Efficiently- Plant requirements for moisture diminishes as weather cools and day length shortens. Reducing water helps plants go into dormancy, thereby preparing them to resist freezing temperatures, and also lessens the likelihood of root rot from too-wet soil. Adjust irrigation timers to run less frequently. The ground is cold, stays moist longer, and plants won't be growing, so they need the rest. If we get rain this month, consider shutting down your irrigation system for the winter.

•**General Guideline-** Apply the same amount of water to soak through the entire root zone.

Some specific tips:

Herbs- Water established herbs once a week or less depending on the temperature.

Vegetables- Should be watered every three days.

Desert Adapted Plants (established) - Water every 14 to 30 days through December.

*Container Plants -*Water twice per month or even less for cacti and succulents. Succulents generally do not enjoy being cold and wet.

Cleanup- It's time to clean up the entire garden. Pull weeds and take out spent annuals and vegetables which can harbor insects and diseases during the winter season.

Avoid Frost Problems- Historically, the first freeze can occur as early as November 15 although our current long term forecast doesn't bear that out. However, the following steps are suggested:

•Purchase and/or stage your frost protection so that if and when an event occurs, you are prepared. Use a fabric such as N-Sulate (which can be found at various garden centers), burlap or old sheets. Cover cold-tender plants, along with flower and vegetable beds, if temperatures dip.

•Stop fertilizing cold-tender plants, such as bougainvillea, citrus, hibiscus, natal plum and roses. Feeding promotes fresh, tender growth, which is susceptible to frost damage.

Pruning- Pruning is necessary for health and safety. Some guidelines:

Trees- Most trees are dormant by the end of this month. Avoid lion-tailing, which is excessive interior thinning. This forces the growth of branches outward, straining and weakening them.

Deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves)- Can be pruned now as it is easy to see flaws that need correcting, such as crossed branches. Palo Verde - Avoid pruning in the winter. Mesquites - Should receive a light pruning now.

Shrubs and Perennials - Can be pruned now including: •Texas Ranger •Globe Mallow •Brittlebush

Do **not** prune *Yellow Bells* or *Lantana*.

Most herbs can be pruned this month.

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



Plant for Winter Color in Your Garden

November is a good time to make preparations to brighten your garden for the winter and spring. To get a head start, you might want to pay particular attention to some plants that will provide both color and contrast. Let's start with one that is very prominent in Bellasera.

Bougainvilleas – These are nice plants but occasionally they refuse to bloom. They actually do better with little care and lots of pruning. However, pruning is best done in the early spring after all danger of frost passes. Remove dead branches and keep its height in check. It will quickly recover. Bougainvilleas like well-drained soil and full sun. They do not bloom well in partial shade. It is best to plant them in the spring. You can feed them lightly but do so in the spring and summer. If you over fertilize, the plant will bloom sparsely or not at all.

Other planting options for Winter color.

Vines-You can reduce intense reflected heat with vines as well as providing color. They can be grown easily here in Bellasera on walls with the help of a trellis. Some suggested low-water-use vines with pretty flowers include:

•Lilac vine •Primrose Jasmine •Queen's Wreath •*Yucca vine* •Potato vine- This is another consideration which blooms on and off year-round, if temperatures don't drop below freezing.

Shrubs- you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs and include items that will brighten your garden for the winter and spring. Some recommendations:

Barberry – This shrub is evergreen and has yellow flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It makes a good informal hedge and attracts birds.

Weeping Dalea – This shrub has a spreading shape and is evergreen. It has purple clusters of flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring.

Red Erempholia – Rounded evergreen shrub with red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. This plant attracts hummingbirds.

Chuparosa – Sprawling plant that is semi-evergreen with orange to red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It attracts hummingbirds too.

Red Justicia – Sprawling evergreen shrub. It has bright red flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring. It can be used in containers.

Green Feathery Senna – Round and airy shrub with yellow clusters of flowers that bloom from late winter to spring.

Vegetables for the Month

Seeds- Beets, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Chard, Collard Greens, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (Head & Leaf), Mustard, Onions (Bulb & Green), Peas, Radishes, Rutabagas, Spinach, Turnips

Transplants- Asparagus, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chard, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (Head & Leaf)

Miscellaneous

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

Keep your garden tools clean and sharp. To avoid spreading plant diseases via your tools, follow these steps:

- Hose soil off of garden tools before moving to another area of the landscape.
- Sterilize pruning tools after each and every cut if there is any chance the plant is infected with a disease.
- Keep your tools sharpened. Sharp tools make for clean wounds which heal quickly. Take care of your tools, they will last longer and so will you and your plants!

Herbs- Sow seeds for cilantro, dill, parsley, oregano and thyme. Transplant anise, caraway, chamomile, fennel, marjoram, mint, rosemary, sage and salad burnet.

Spring-blooming Bulbs- Plant in well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. Mix a phosphorus fertilizer with soil in the bottom of the planting hole. Phosphorus, which promotes bloom, does not move readily through soil, so place it where the bulb's roots will be able to absorb it.

Happy Thanksgiving

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

Community Calendar—November 2016

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

****Bellasera Classifieds****

Looking for someone to walk 2 small dogs in Bellasera in the morning and/or late afternoon/early evening. Compensated job. Please call or text **Marilyn, 480-313-6931**.

Car for Sale – 2006 Silver Infiniti M45 Sport. Canadian car. Original owner. Vehicle is fully registered and plated in Arizona. Regular service at Infiniti Scottsdale. Has 138,000 kilometers (approx.. 86,000 miles). Fully loaded with all options including Bluetooth and Navigation. In excellent condition. Same cars are priced in US at \$15 to \$16K. Asking \$10,900.00. Contact **John Kushar, jkushar@sympatico.ca**.

Massage is a potent medicine. There is no question that proper massage can relax tense muscles, and decrease pain. Relaxing therapeutic massage is available in the privacy of your home or at the clubhouse Massage Room. For an appointment or further information contact: Bellasera resident **Jim Birkholz**, Licensed Massage Therapist, **480-244-9567**. Gift Certificates available.

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**.

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.

Samsung High Definition Smart TV (UN32F6300), works great, wall or pedestal mounting. Free -- to a good home. **Keith, 480-382-9310**.

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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