

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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From the President Dennis Carson:

As our hot summer months arrive, many of us leave for cooler climates while others stay to enjoy the wonderful Arizona desert. Meanwhile, work goes on here at Bellasera with our landscape crews maintaining the vegetation and the work of the new mail boxes will get underway sometime in the near future. Look for email blasts on the mailbox issue. The Board of Directors along with the various committees continue their efforts to keep Bellasera the wonderful place that it is. I want to thank all our residents for maintaining their property and for understanding that as our community ages, it is necessary to make changes to our landscaping to provide that cared-for look and for continuing the maintenance of our homes. Together we'll keep Bellasera beautiful.

As a reminder, the Board of Directors does not meet during the months of July and August. The office will be open and **Laurie** will keep us apprised of anything that we need to address.

July and August - 2018



CLUBHOUSE CORNER

*By Laurie Forte,
Community Manager*

Happy Summer!

To those residents still enjoying the beauty at Bellasera for the summer, don't forget to utilize your clubhouse. We have a great library and the pool is always the perfect temperature! For those of you that are enjoying your summer elsewhere, please make sure that someone is checking on your home to make sure the irrigation is working properly so you can return to your beautiful desert landscaping. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall/Winter!

Modifications Reminder:

If a modification to your home can be seen from the road or by your neighbors, it **MUST** go through the modifications application process for approval. If you are unsure if you need to go through the process, please contact me directly. The application can be found on the azbellasera.com website. You can also review the Design Guidelines on the website as well. Also, please do **NOT** start your project until you have received notification that your project has been approved. The committee meets at noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Applications **MUST** be received the Thursday prior to the meeting so committee members can read/review the application prior to the meeting.

Emergency Contact Info:

I receive many calls from concerned homeowners walking through the neighborhood weekly about issues involving neighbors homes (leaking irrigation, flooded yards etc.). They call me out of concern and it is then my job to reach out to the homeowner directly to inform them about these issues (which they may or may not already be aware of).

For example, I had a resident call about a home with a flooded side yard. I tried to reach the resident but could not reach them on the numbers I have on file for them. I wanted to talk to them before I, or anyone went into their side yard to shut off the water. I made the decision to wade into the yard without any formal permission from the homeowner and shut off the open water valve. I do not know how long it had been running, but I am sure they will see it in next month's water bill!

In town or out-of-town, please make sure that I have numbers to reach you and an emergency contact number if you are unavailable. You can email me the names and numbers or call me at the office 480-488-0400.

As the property manager for Bellasera, I always assume there is implied permission to go on a resident's property to "deal with an emergency,". If you object to this, please call me to get on record you will only allow my entry with your specific permission for the situation.

Bulk Trash Rules to follow:

Please check your Bellasera Calendar for the date of Brush & Bulk Trash week. You are **NOT** allowed to stack up brush, bags, other bulk trash items or other landscape cuttings before the Sunday of that week. Please notify your landscapers that they cannot leave cuttings out at any time before the specified date. You can also call Scottsdale Solid Waste for the exact week for Bellasera's pickup. Their number is 480-312-5600. Thank you for your cooperation.

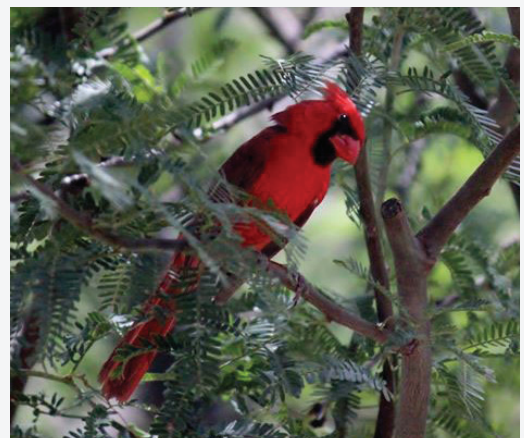
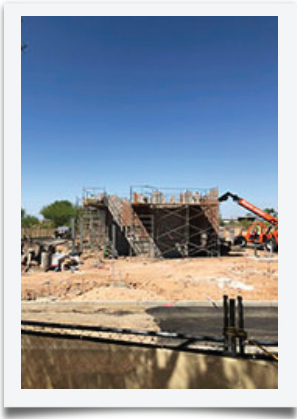


Photo by Kathy Thom

This and That

Ron and Peggy Guziak moved to their Bellasera home on Ponte Bella Drive from Peoria (AZ) early in May. **Ron** retired in March after a career in hospital and healthcare administration while Peggy retired from a teaching career in hospitals and a university in Texas. They both enjoy golf, and **Peggy's** hobby is oil, acrylic and watercolor painting. The couple was attracted to Bellasera for its location, natural beauty and great floor plans. Welcome **Ron and Peggy!**



New Starbucks: If you're a Starbucks fan you probably know that a new store is being constructed in the shopping center at the corner of Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain Road. This store will replace the existing outlet in the Summit Plaza and should be open in October. It will be a larger store with indoor and outdoor seating and a drive thru. Should be nice. Starbucks will maintain their stores in Target and the Safeway store. Speaking of Safeway, the store will be undergoing a major remodel starting in July and should be done in October. According to the manager, just about everything is going to be moved around, possibly a wine tasting counter, a larger Starbucks, self checkout counters, and many more interesting things. Should be a nice upgrade to the store.

Bellasera Book Club

Our summer read, will be discussed at our Clubhouse on the third Wednesday in October (10/18/18) at noon, as well as two suggested summer books which will also be mentioned during our October meeting. They are:

Our selection: Pachinko (*NY Times Book Review Top 10*) by Min Jin Lee

Other good reads: The Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Best wishes to our entire group for a healthy and pleasant summer, whether at your other residence, traveling or remaining in Bellasera. Any questions, please contact **Sandi Berger**, sandals85@live.com or **Karen Moore**, kresmor60@gmail.com.

Yoga

Yoga continues this summer on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings at **8:45 a.m.** However, our awesome Yoga Instructor, Joy Blonstein, deserves a vacation with her family. Yoga will not be held on the following Mondays: **July 23 and 30**; Thursdays: **July 26** and **August 2**.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, September 26** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 18** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 10** at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 19** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 10** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, July 5** at **12 noon**.

June Weather in Bellasera

(June 1 - June 30)

Highest Temperature: **108**

Lowest temperature: **61**

Rainfall: **0.08**

Rainfall this year: **1.89**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: **weather.azbellasera.org**

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, 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 **20th** 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, July 23**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, August 27**. 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**.

If you have photos that you've taken in Bellasera or other favorite places in Arizona that you would like to see used in the newsletter, please e-mail them as a JPEG to **Paul Rippens** at **pripp9338@icloud.com**.

People have power to nix commercial development



In case you're not aware, there is a proposal to change the zoning for the property at the North-West corner of Scottsdale Road and Lone Mountain from Rural Neighborhoods to Commercial in order to allow the development of the property to include a three-story storage facility. The following article was written by Bellasera Resident **Barry Kluger** and is reprinted with his permission.

Back in 2007, in north Scottsdale, a handful of residents in the Bellasera community protested a shopping center to be built by developer Jim Pederson, fearing their views would be marred by the back of a Target store.

It was delayed for a few years and is still fairly empty, with the developer taking a bath on the retail center. Whether or not I disagreed, it showed the power of the people.

Eleven years later, north Scottsdale residents face a new challenge: a storage facility to be built in a residential area with the belief that the majority of the City Council is putting profits before people and turning the area north of Pinnacle Peak and Scottsdale Road into a commercial corridor.

The people must speak out again!

Scottsdale has made some pretty dumb decisions over the years that failed to blend the environment with commerce and with a few exceptions is doomed to repeat these transgressions.

NIMBT (Not In My Backyard) is a rallying cry to preserve the lifestyle that many north Scottsdalians and

Phoenicians affected by the development have sought. Add to that the property taxes of this residential-heavy sector and you wonder just who is supporting their re-election campaigns.

Development is not a bad thing. I love nature, and while I do not go as far as preserving the Sonoran four-winged desert nighthawk, I do have a problem when elected city officials turn the table on residents, rezoning an area from residential to commercial and fill the city coffers all in the name of profit.

Enough with architectural drawings that "imagine" how berms and trees will help a storage facility blend in with the area. Anyone can try to put lipstick on a pig, which is defined as "a rhetorical expression, used to convey the message that making superficial or cosmetic changes is a futile attempt to disguise the true nature of a product or person."

It seems to fit in this case. There are people who, when they no longer have children in schools, are the first to vote down school bonds. I don't know how many of our City Council members live north of Pinnacle Peak on Scottsdale Road, but I'd guess a scant few.

We all love convience; a Starbucks, a dry cleaner, a high-end apartment complex and yes, even a Target. But when beauty turns to blight, it's time to draw the line.

It's a frequently heard rallying cry: "We voted you into office; we can vote you out."

Hearings will be held. Public comment will be "invited," which is often just lip service. Demonstrations, lie-ins and petitions can work. The people do have the power.

If this project proceeds, the people will make sure the supporting City Council members have a place to "store" their careers and be free to visit them any time they like. Kind of like a museum nobody goes to.

This is an important item to keep track of. Please let your voice heard if you agree that the City of Scottsdale should not change the zoning of this property to commercial. You can write to the City of Scottsdale Planning Commission and your letter will be attached to the file on this request.

B e l l a s e r a C l a s s i f i e d s

Moving Sale: (almost) everything must go, contact **Barry Kluger, 480-703-8135, Barry@barrykluger.com**. Contents include Dining Room Set, including China cabinet (Hickory White, bird's eye maple), Leather Sofa (sectional), Black Granite Coffee Table (6' long), Sofa Bed, Cabinet, End Tables, Chairs, Knick Knacks & More.

For Sale: Napoleon Prestige PRO 500 Gas Grill with Infrared Rear and Side Burners. Purchased in 2016 for \$1,699. Asking \$900.00 contact **Don Tyson at 352-217-2721 or dongtyson@earthlink.net**

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 at **480-244-9567**. Gift Certificates available.

All about Cleaning *** Professional Window Cleaning. Inside-Outside-Tracks. Power Wash (After Monsoon season Must). Request an over the phone estimate or on-site free estimate. Call **Maria at 480-206-5237, www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**, e-mail: **Info@AllAboutCleaning Arizona.com**.

Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms, 2 sleeper sofas/2 baths; gas fireplace; fabulous deck; full kitchen; washer/dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Call Bellasera resident **Marti Bening** at **480-488-4297** for details.

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 **480-488-8400** for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

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 at 480-206-5237** (owner-operator, Bellasera resident for over 10 years). Licensed-Bonded-Insured. **www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**, e-mail: **Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**.

If HTML5 and CSS3 mean more to you than alphabet soup, there's an important volunteer opportunity right here in Bellasera. Contact **webmaster@azbellasera.org** for more information.

*Classified Ads are 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. E-mail your ad to: **editor@azbellasera.org***

Rear View - A Bit of History

JUL-AUG 2008

As we finish up fiscal year 2008 and move into fiscal 2009 the Board and I want to make sure we continue to keep you informed of any activities that may impact you, our membership. First of all, we will finish the year over-budget solely due to the expenses we incurred to repair the flood damage from last year's rains. We spent over \$50,000 on this project and believe we are now better prepared should we have a repeat of the significant rains we experienced last July. The good news is that we were under-budget in a number of other areas so we were able to absorb this cost without any significant financial impact to our members.

Bellasera Administrative Assistant, Earlene Morgan, has resigned from her position, effective July 3. At newsletter deadline, a replacement had not been named. The Bellasera community wishes to thank Earlene for all the fine work she has done for the community these past 10 months. All the best to her in the future.

My name is Sharon Foxworth, and I am the new Administrative Assistant at Bellasera. I came to Arizona three years ago from Austin, Texas. I lived all of my life in the Austin area and I raised my three sons there. Austin is a beautiful area with many lakes and trails near by. Arizona also offers a variety of scenery from desert to mountains and affords many opportunities for my husband and me to hike and camp in the beautiful National Forests and camp grounds.

Arizona law, and common good neighbor courtesy, requires trees and shrubs to be confined to your property and not intrude on your neighbor's space. Please remember to keep yours trimmed...and your neighbors happy.

JUL-AUG 2013

Just a reminder, when you have deliveries, please go into your QuickPass account and add the person/company as a temporary visitor or call and notify the guard prior to the expected delivery. If the guard is not aware and has to call the homeowner to ask if you are expecting a delivery after the truck arrives, it delays others that are trying to get through the gate, especially if it's a large truck that takes up the resident lane. Thank you for being considerate of our guards and helping to keep the traffic from getting backed up.

A large number of house numbers on homes in Bellasera are nearly unreadable from the street. Solution: stop by the clubhouse office and Sharon will be glad to provide a magic marker for you to make your house number look great — and easy to read when a visitor or vendor is looking for your home. Also, if you have trees or bushes blocking the house number please prune them for better visibility.

The July heat brought an encouraging development in our ongoing litigation with the owners of the adjacent 12-acre tract who continue to seek permanent and unrestricted access to their property through Bellasera. As you should be aware, in January of this year the Court hearing our case granted Plaintiff's Motion for a Partial Summary Judgment, essentially deciding that Plaintiff's were entitled to permanent access to their property through Bellasera as a matter of law.

In response to the Court's January decision, the Association filed a Motion for Reconsideration with the Court, essentially asking the Court to re-think its decision. In reaction to our filing, the Court heard oral arguments from the respective counsel and required that additional written briefs be submitted by both parties.

Pilates classes will resume in the Fall with instructor Dona Perreault (Bellasera resident), who has been teaching Pilates at Bellasera since 2010. New participants are always welcome, as Dona is able to adjust her instruction for all levels.

Smoke Alarms.....Do You Need to Replace Yours?

By Joe McDade

When our homes in Bellasera were constructed, smoke alarms were installed per city code. Specifically, they are “hard-wired,” or get power from your home’s electrical system and have a 9-volt back-up battery. They require very little maintenance other than replacing the battery every year which is not mandatory but highly recommended. It should be noted that, if a battery does go bad, “the culprit” one will give off an annoying “beep”. You then have to find the offender which can be difficult as it echoes throughout the house. So, a simple preventative measure is to replace all batteries once a year.

Most of us pay attention to expiration dates on food and medical prescriptions. But, have you ever considered the expiration date of a smoke alarm? Well, the sensors in our smoke alarms eventually wear down after eight to ten years which then necessitates replacement of the whole unit. Since all homes in Bellasera are approximately 17 to 18 years old, you may be in a situation where they should be replaced or may have already done so. If you haven’t replaced them or are uncertain, I recommend that you do so.

Replacement Tips

The most important tip is to purchase the same model that is installed in your home. They easily screw off the wall mount and you will find the model info on the rear of the unit. The units in my home are “First Alert BRK Brands 9120B Hardwired Smoke Alarm with Battery Backup” and I suspect yours will be the same. This is important because they will be compatible with the wall mount and it then becomes a simple “plug and play”. You do not have to turn off the power source to the units (good luck finding the right circuit breaker anyway), replace the wall mount or perform any wiring. They are readily available online as I purchased mine for about \$12.00 each. I’m sure you can find them locally. The biggest challenge will be climbing a ladder as some of them are high on the wall. Please be careful.

Statistics to Share

- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.



Brush & Bulk Collection

Scottsdale Solid Waste provides monthly brush and bulk collection for residents who pay for residential collection services. This service provides an easy and convenient way for you to dispose of items too big to fit in your curbside container. To get the most out of this service, please put out the right stuff, at the right time in the right way.

The Right Stuff

Brush & bulk collection is for things like yard waste, furniture, mattresses and other large items. Please do not put out tires, paint, paint thinners, strippers, pesticides, batteries, motor oils, chlorine or pool acid for bulk collection. Dispose of these at the City's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events. Please do not put out construction or remodeling debris, sheet glass, windows or mirrors. Residents are responsible for debris like this – when you're remodeling, make sure your contractor hauls this stuff away. Schedule your trimmings and cleanup projects to coincide with the brush removal schedule, so it can be removed from the curb in a timely manner. Your neighbors will appreciate it!

The Right Time

Have your brush and bulk out for collection by 5 a.m. the Monday of the week your area is scheduled. Please do not place brush or bulk items out for collection before Sunday of the scheduled week.

The Right Way

Remember that each homeowner is responsible for the manner in which material is placed out for collection, whether or not you hire someone else to do the work. Please separate your brush and bulk pickup into two piles – one for green waste and one for everything else. The piles will be picked up by separate trucks during your designated brush and bulk pickup week. The green waste – yard clippings, branches and trimmings – will be composted to help grow new plants, while the rest will be taken to the landfill for disposal.

Please stack items neatly, parallel to the street on your front property line, where your trash collection typically takes place. The piles should not exceed 10 feet long by 6 feet wide by 4 feet tall. Please place the bulk waste and green waste piles at least three feet apart from each other.

Prepare items for Collection

- Cut tree limbs into 6-foot segments and stacked neatly so that all cut ends point in the same direction.
- Tree limbs and other objects must be less than 12 inches in diameter.
- Wood panels and wood fencing must be no larger than 5 feet square.
- Keep glass separate from other items, in small, sturdy cardboard boxes and clearly labeled. Boxes should be 2'x2'x2' or smaller.
- Place yard clippings (grass & leaves) in plastic bags. Bags must be securely tied.
- Place cacti in sturdy closed boxes with lids. Boxes should be 2'x2'x2' or smaller.
- City crews will only remove large debris. The equipment used often leaves behind small debris, which is the homeowner's responsibility to cleanup.
- Do not place bulk trash on or within four feet of city-owned containers or bins, water meters, cable boxes, fire hydrants, block walls or other fixed objects



JULY & AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

By Joe McDade

Summer Slow Down

As we head into summer, everything around us seems to slow down. Our winter neighbors are gone, there is less congestion on the streets, in the stores and restaurants, all of which is very visible to us. Well, your garden goes through a similar metamorphosis, not as visible, but a slowdown of sort as gardening essentially comes to a standstill this month and into August. It's just not a good time to do any serious planting. However, you don't get a vacation as there are a number of important maintenance tasks that will require your attention with **watering** and **pruning**, especially native desert trees, at the top of the list along with a myriad of others that I'll attempt to cover below.

The Monsoon Is Not Far Off...In The Meantime....Help Your Garden Cope!

From a garden perspective, July and August pair together perfectly as they have a common theme, coping with our summer heat. In June, we were given a preview of the monsoon and the welcome relief from the heat it can bring to you and your garden. The heat will certainly continue into July and August, but the arrival of the **monsoon** (we hope) will bring much needed moisture as well as relief. During July, humidity should start arriving from the Gulf of California which will bring us thunderstorms and blowing dust. In the meantime, these are some steps you can take to help your garden cope.

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.

Landscape 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.

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. In most years, we get enough winter and spring rainfall to obviate the need for watering trees. However, with our dearth of rain this year, you should keep an eye on your trees for stress.

Citrus- 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.

Succulents- They 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.

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 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.

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.

Roses- Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer. Water deeply as temperatures climb and 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

Desert Observations

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.

Black widow spiders-These beneficial garden creatures consume annoying pests, such as cockroaches and crickets. Black widow spiders (*Latrodectus Hesperus*) are active on warm summer nights;

Scorpions- are active during hot summer nights and are effective predators of other insects. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is generally not life threatening.

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.

Planting

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.

Normally, August is the start of our late summer/early fall vegetable planting season which continues into November.

Unless we have a dramatic monsoon, I would hold off until September which will still give you plenty of time.

Happy 4th of July.....See You In September!

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

Community Calendar

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	3 Poker 7 p.m.	4 4th of July Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	5 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	6 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	7
8	9 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	10 Building & Grounds 10 a.m. Modifications 12 noon Poker 7 p.m.	11 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	12 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	13 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	14
15	16 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	17 Poker 7 p.m.	18 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Budget & Finance 1:00 p.m.	19 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	20 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	21
22 Brush & Bulk Week	23 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	24 Poker 7 p.m.	25 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	26	27 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	28
29	30 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	31 Poker 7 p.m.				

Community Calendar

August 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	2	3 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	4
5	6 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	7 Poker 7 p.m.	8 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	9 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	10 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	11
12	13 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	14 Building & Grounds 10 a.m. Modifications 12 noon Poker 7 p.m.	15 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	16 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	17 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	18
19	20 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	21 Poker 7 p.m.	22 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	23 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	24 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	25
26 Brush & Bulk Week	27 Yoga 8:45 a.m. Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	28 Poker 7 p.m.	29 Water Aerobics 10 a.m.	30 Yoga 8:45 a.m.	31 Water Aerobics 10 a.m. Bridge 1:30 p.m.	

Trim Trees Before the Monsoons Arrive

Soon we will see monsoon storms. These storms can arrive quickly and can hit hard. One of the things that happen year after year is trees that have not been properly trimmed end up going down in the storms. If trees are close to a home, they can end up crashing into the roof and home causing damage. Or if by a pool they can end up going down and into the pool. But even if there is no damage to a home, an untrimmed tree may go down and a beloved tree can be lost.

In order to alleviate losing trees, and/or branches and limbs to storm damage, it is recommend that homeowners have their trees trimmed so they are not top heavy and therefore less prone to going down in a monsoon. Obviously even a good and proper trimming is not a guarantee that you will not lose any trees, but having them trimmed will greatly decrease the chance of loss.

Trimming trees properly is important. It is important not to simply cut all the lower branches and leave the top to become very top heavy. Trees that have been trimmed in this manner are at the most risk in the monsoons.

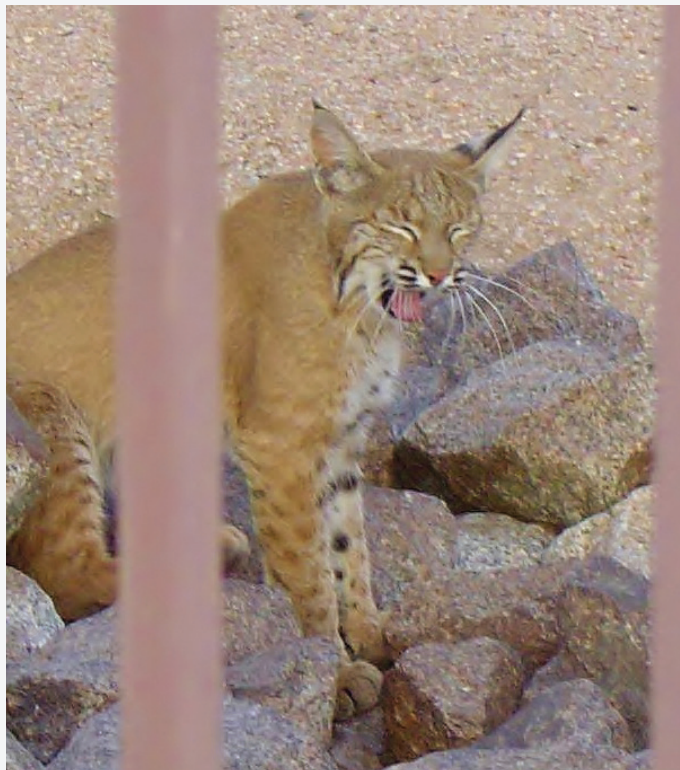
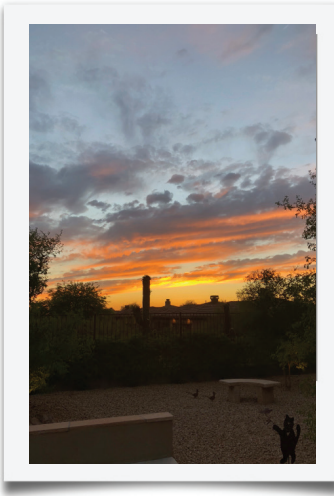


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