

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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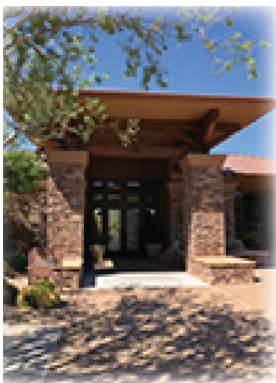
Photo by Ralph Vernacchia

Bellasera Annual Meeting

It is again time for the annual meeting of the Bellasera Community Association. This year the meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 28** at the Bellasera Community Center. The meeting will include a financial review, results of the election for board members, and an opportunity for residents to ask questions pertaining to the community. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear how the Bellasera Community is doing.

You should have received your official ballot for those running for the Board of Directors. Please take the time to vote and mail in your ballot if you are unable to attend the meeting. You may also turn in your ballot when you attend the annual meeting. Remember that when you elect a Board Member, you are giving them the right to make decisions for your Association. Your vote is important!

April - 2019



Clubhouse Corner

by Laurie Forte, Community Manager

Court reservations at Bellasera

Did you know that all of the courts at Bellasera can be reserved? We have three courts

on the reservation system, Tennis courts 1 and 2 and the Basketball court. You must first sign up for the reservation system at www.bellasera.tennisbookings.com. (A link to the site can be found on our Bellasera website under the BCA Members tab). Choose to Create a New Account and follow the instructions. All requests for access to the system must be reviewed by **Laurie** (to verify that only residents are signing up) and once approved, users can sign up to reserve any of our courts. A few notes: the basketball court can only be reserved in 1 hour increments; the tennis courts can be reserved in 2 hour increments. You can only book 1 week in advance. Reservations are first come, first serve (no pun intended).

Natural weed control options

Many of us have been reading about the issues with using Roundup for weed control. Studies are showing that ingredients found in Round-up can lead to the development of Parkinson's disease, infertility or cancer. Did you know there are natural options for weed control? Here are just a few organic and more eco friendly options.

Vodka or Rubbing Alcohol

2 oz cheap vodka or rubbing alcohol

2 cups water

A couple drops of dish soap

The alcohol will dry out whatever it hits.

Vinegar

1 gallon 5% white household vinegar

1 cup table salt

1 Tbs dish soap

Boiling Water

Boil a kettle of water and pour over the weeds to burn them. This technique is great for weeds growing in pavement cracks and garden paths.

Natural Weed Killer

2 cups of apple cider vinegar

1/4 cup Epsom salt

Shake well and spray.

QuickPass update

QuickPass recently upgraded their systems and one of the newest options is that a resident can now set notifications for their guests arrival at the front gate. This feature is **ONLY** available when logging in from your computer. Look for a future announcement for cell phone access to this feature. You will choose Notify Upon Entry and provide either the email address or the cell phone which you wish to be notified on. If you have been receiving text messages previously, you will need to re-do your notifications. Please call **Laurie** if you have any questions.

Mailbox Kiosks and website changes

We now have our monthly calendar accessible from the homepage of azbellasera.org website. On the homepage you will see "Bellasera Monthly Community Calendar". One click and you will have the monthly calendar on the screen. Thanks **Keith**! We have also stopped placing copies of the calendar in the mailbox kiosks. We will use those kiosks when we have special projects (like road repairs or view fence painting), but otherwise they will be empty. Please note that we are also looking for solutions to repair the leaking boxes.



This and That

Fundraiser Concert being held at Bellasera

The Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts run by our very own **Jillian Englund** (AZ Idol Superstars!) is taking the kids to Disneyland Park to perform over Mother's Day! They have invited us to a rehearsal to help cheer them on. Let's help them prepare for their trip; show our support and excitement, and send them off with some neighborly love!

Thursday, April 18 - Bellasera Community Meeting Room

5:00 – 6:00pm

Donations are encouraged and appreciated

Please sign up at the clubhouse for this special event. Just bring some money for a donation to help these kids make their dreams come true!!



Bellasera Bookclub

Bellasera Bookclub will meet on **Wednesday, April 24 at noon** in the clubhouse. We will be discussing an historical novel titled *"The Woman In The Photo"* by **Mary Hogan**. Contact **Karen Moore, kkmooore40@yahoo.com** with any questions.

Bellasera Hikers

Come join your neighbors on **Tuesday, April 9** for a 5.7 mile hike which loops around Granite Mountain. This trail has gradual elevation, gorgeous views of boulders and wild flowers, and some interesting landmarks in the distance. If interested, please sign-up in the clubhouse with your contact information or e-mail **Mary Van Cleave, 44mbvc@gmail.com**. Plan to meet at **8:15 a.m.** in the clubhouse parking lot. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen and hat; snacks and hiking sticks as desired. Lunch afterwards TBD. Questions? Call and be sure to leave a message if you don't reach me, **248-225-8510**.

Wine Tasting

The April wine event will be hosted by **John Mattox** and **Janet Post** on **Friday, April 26**, from **5-7 p.m.** at **30737 N 77th Way**. Since we are eclectic, we thought we'd make the tasting eclectic by having guests bring one of their favorite wines and labelling why you like it. An appetizer is also suggested. Please send your response to **janetpost8@gmail.com** or **johnhmattox5@gmail.com** by Monday, April 22.

Lone Mountain Road Cleanup

To coincide with the City of Scottsdale annual city-wide cleanup, the next trash pick-up by Bellasera residents on Lone Mountain Road is planned for **Saturday, April 13**, at **8 a.m.** Communications Committee member **Keith Christian** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail **editor@azbellasera.org**. All material will be furnished and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

Ladies Luncheon

I am hosting the luncheon on **Thursday, April 18 at 12 noon**. We will be meeting for lunch at Rhythm and Wine located at the corner of Pinnacle Peak Rd. & Hayden Rd. Sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Linda Stevens, Lindastevens51@gmail.com**.

Water Pilates

I'm taking a water Pilates class in our pool on **Thursday, April 4th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** with a certified Pilates instructor. If you're interested in joining me and getting a good workout, please call or text **Cathi Taylor 916-849-8016**.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Sunday, April 28** at **3 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 17** at **10 a.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 9** at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 22** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 9** at **1 p.m.**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, April 4** at **12 noon**.

March Weather in Bellasera

(March 1 - March 31)

Highest Temperature: 85 degrees

Lowest temperature: 33 degrees

Rainfall: 1.59 inches

Rainfall this year: 7.40

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, April 22**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, May 20**. 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**.

PLAN AHEAD - 2020

Bellasera will be painting all the view fences in the community during February & March, 2020! Make plans to trim or remove plant material from your view fence and remove all rabbit fencing. Remember - February & March 2020

Bellaser Community Calendar

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	² Poker - 7 pm	³ Water Aerobics - 10 am Open pickle ball - 2:30 - 4:30 pm	⁴ Yoga - 8:00 am Water Pilates - 10 am	⁵ Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	⁶ Open pickle ball - 2:30 - 4:30 pm
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²⁸ Annual meeting - sign in at 1 pm, meeting at 2 pm Board meeting - 3 pm	²⁹ Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	³⁰ Poker - 7 pm				

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

For Sale: ShopSmith 5 in 1 woodworking machine in excellent condition. Includes band saw, jointer, many accessories plus dust collector. \$1500. Also many hand & power wood working tools priced to sell. Contact **Roy Kurtz, 480-575-1391.**

I have a week reserved at Marriot Vail Streamside where I own a timeshare from July 5 to July 12. It's a great week with Independence Day parade and activities. 3 bedrooms and 3 baths plus sofa bed. Unable to use it and offering at \$2000. Contact **Marti Bening, mbening@cox.net, 602-616-6085**

LG 55" TV, model OLED55B6P, new in 2017. Arguably with the best picture quality available. \$400. **Keith, 480-382-9310.**

Moving Sale: 2 Queen mattresses with frames, \$100 ea; Queen metal headboard, \$75; Outdoor patio heater, \$75; Small refrigerator, 2.6 cu ft, \$60; Small wooden end table, \$50. **Call Steve, 602-309-5234.**

For Sale by Bellasera homeowner: dining table, hardwood very nice carving. 6' plus 2 leafs. 6 black leather chairs carved to match the table. \$1,000. **Call Larry Brader, 509-952-7007.**

I love living in Bellasera! Did you know that real estate inventory levels in our community are very low? I have buyers who want homes in Bellasera. Have you been thinking about making a move? Now is a great time to sell. Contact me today for a market analysis: **Audrey Fischer, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 480-740-4223 or audrey.fischer@azmoves.com.**

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. 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**.

*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***

BELLASERA HIKERS

The Bellasera Hikers enjoyed the Spring bloom during their hike on the Marcus Landslide Trail on March 19.



Postponing the hike until March 19 worked out best as the wildflowers were in full bloom.

Thanks to Ralph Vernacchia for the wonderful photos.



Kneeling, (l - r): **Ellen Roach; Karen Meiliken**

Standing (l - r): **Brian Blaesing; Tom Shannon; Gene Hollander; Caryn Hollander; Mike Jameson; Pam Jameson; Cora Douglas; Linda Stevens; Michelle Shannon; Cheri Valuet; Lynn Melman; Lou Garrett; Cindy Kaelber; Carolyn Vernacchia**
(not pictured **Ralph Vernacchia**, photographer).

Life-Saving iPhone tip Everyone Should Know - Takes just 2 minutes to Do

If you were asked if you could last a day without a mobile phone, the answer is likely to be: NO. According to a study, one in five people couldn't last a day without their phone. So if most of us have our cell phones by our sides all the time, what would happen if we were in an emergency without anybody but our phone?

When someone is being rushed into the emergency room, every second is precious. The paramedics will assess the patient as quickly and as thoroughly as they can, but if the patient is without their loved ones or unable to communicate, it can be a matter of life or death. Emergency doctor **Julia Thompson** wrote a Facebook post and shared a simple tip that could potentially save lives.

Dr. Thompson urged all smartphone users to update the Medical ID on their Health app with information that could help medical staff understand your medical conditions and find your family and friends in an emergency situation. All you need to do is to click into the Health app and select "Medical ID" in the bottom right-hand corner.

"It can be managed by clicking on the little "Health" app that comes default on the phone (heart icon and then in the app go to the little star shape with medical ID) and given everyone I have spoken to today has never heard of it. "It seemed like a social media share kind of moment!" she said.



This article was provided by Communication Committee member **Carol Padwe**. If you have an iPhone, this app really works. Give it a try and have your medical history at hand all the time.

Rear View - A History of Bellasera - 2009 & 2014

April 2009

First, our Annual Meeting is coming up and we will again be electing Board members to serve 2 year terms. As has been the case in some past years, we have more Board positions available than candidates wishing to serve. I don't want to regale you with all the very good reasons why service to the community is rewarding. What I do want to say is that we can use your help and input. Please consider running for the Board. If you have any questions about what might be involved, please e-mail me or any of the Board members.

The second issue is about home painting. The Board has recently noticed several homes that have not been painted in accordance with the original color scheme as proscribed by the CC&Rs. I'm not only talking about the paint color but also the locations of the color itself. --Chuck Roach

Jazzercise now every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Experience the amazing benefits of Hatha Yoga - right here in Bellasera! Bring more strength, flexibility and inner calm to your life! Come to Monday night Yoga!

To avoid the dreaded moving vehicle — stationary trash container collision, please remember not to place waste or recycle containers in the street. In the darkness, they're an accident waiting to happen.

Over 50 residents enjoyed the annual St. Patrick's Potluck. Special thanks to committee members, and, for their generous time and efforts to host this event. The corned beef, cabbage and potatoes were a hit. We enjoyed appetizers poolside with the added pleasure of the outdoor fireplace. Wonderful decorations - Irish proverbs, and shamrocks - made the dining room quite festive and enjoyable.

APRIL 2014

The 2.55 inches of rain on March 1 did wonders for all the landscape trees & plants in our community. But the much-needed precipitation also caused unwanted weed seeds to germinate. Not good. Homeowners are reminded to take appropriate action to remove all ugly weeds from their property, such as using a pre-emergent and/or top-kill chemical, or cutting by hand.

The Bellasera "Library" (the bookshelves in the sitting area of the clubhouse) is in need of books. If you have some good novels (or any other genre that you think others would enjoy reading), please call the unofficial bookworm and she will gladly pick them up and add them to our dwindling lending library. Thanks, Lena.

The non-profit organization, Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park, invites all their friends, families and the community to celebrate on Saturday, April 5 with an old-fashioned pancake breakfast from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the west patio of the Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse & Microbrewery, the park's neighbor to the east, at 10426 East Jomax Road.

During the on-going view fence repainting project, homeowners should not re-install rusted or unsightly rabbit/snake fencing. If you're unsure about the condition of your fencing, please contact Sharon, 480-488-0400, sfoxworth@aamaz.com, in the clubhouse office. The Board will send someone out to inspect the fence. If a homeowner does re-install rusted or unsightly fence, they'll be subject to a violation and fine. Thank you for your cooperation.

Some of our residents have asked about the status of our proposed Hiking Trail connecting Bellasera to the main trail on Lone Mountain. Much to my frustration over the delay, we are still trying to negotiate an easement agreement with Wallace Garden Trust. Before we commence with construction of the trail, we need to have a signed legal agreement in place. The lawyers for both sides are working on an agreement, so we hope to have something completed very soon. Stay tuned. --Gregg Dittoe



April In the Garden

by Joe McDade

Spring Is Here.....Finally!

It's finally looking and feeling like spring! Unlike last April, we are not awash in color here in Bellasera as our frost damaged standard bearers such as bougainvillea, lantana, and honeysuckle got off to a slow start. However, with our temperature's finally in the 80's, we have started our transition into a world of color and, although this is a natural evolution, you can enhance and add to the total beauty by nurturing and maintaining your part of the desert. Keep this in mind as we put the Vernal Equinox behind us and slide into April.

What's Important This Month?

Admittedly, the garden calendar in the Sonoran Desert is very consistent from year to year. The additional considerations for April are the **frost damage** and **late start of our spring weather**.

Frost Damage- I went into some detail in March regarding recovery from frost damage. If you haven't taken care of your damaged plants, do so this month as new growth has probably already started, especially those with ample exposure to sun.

Late Start Of Our Spring Weather- Understandably, you may have put off any planting plans due to our below normal temperatures. However, it's certainly not too late to add some life to your garden. I gave you some suggestions last month and will add some additional ones below.

Planting

Warm-Season Cacti and Succulents including: • Saguaro • Prickly-Pears • Chollas
• Barrel cacti • Hedgehogs • Pincushions • Agaves • Aloes • Candelilla

Native and Desert-Adapted Trees including: • Ironwood • Blue Palo • Palo Verde • Mesquites

Warm-Season Shrubs including: • Yellow Bells • Texas Sages • Creosote • Sennas • Ruellia
• Superstition Mallow • San Marcos Hibiscus • Desert Cotton • Fire Bush • Lantana

Vines including: • Yuca • Queen's Wreath • Yellow Orchid-vine • Passionflowers
• Arizona Canyon Grape • Old Man's Beard

Annual Flowers: Our weather has certainly cooperated in providing ideal conditions for our winter-growing annuals. Mine are still looking spectacular with no sign of wilting. However, by the end of the month, they will begin to decline at which time they should be removed and replaced with warm season annuals. Some suggestions:

• **Celosia** • **Gaillardia** • **Globe Amaranth** • **Portulaca**
• **Lisianthus** • **Madagascar Periwinkle** • **Marigold**

If you want to attract butterflies, consider:

• **Bee Balm** • **Cosmos** • **Mexican Sunflower** • **Sage**
• **Sunflower** • **Verbena** • **Yarrow** • **Zinnia**

Hop Bush- Drought Tolerant and Beautiful- Alternative to the Oleander

Oleanders are useful hedge type bushes predominant throughout the valley but are on our prohibited list. Consider The Hop Bush as an alternative. This native desert shrub has attractive, evergreen foliage and a similar growth habit to oleander. They can be used in the same ways that oleanders can in providing an attractive green hedge and/or screening. They don't have colorful flowers; their bright green foliage is their strong point. The Hop bush can be allowed to grow into their natural shape or pruned into a formal hedge.

Pruning

Trees: Lightly prune your Mesquites and Palo Verdes after bud break or after flowering.

Shrubs: Continue to prune summer and fall flowering shrubs by mid-month including:

- Texas Sages • Yellow Bells • Lantana • Turpentine Bush
- Mexican-honeysuckle • Sky Flower • Black Dalea

Cactus: If *cholla* or *prickley pear* cactus become too large, they should be cut to a joint with a saw or large clippers. Remember to wear heavy gloves to protect your hands. Also, it is not necessary to treat a cut on these types of cactus if the cut is made at the joint.

Yucca should not be pruned unless it is necessary to remove dead or diseased stems. If you need to prune, cut back to either a joint or as low on the plant as possible and dust the wound generously with powdered sulphur until it completely dries out.

Herbs- Inspect your Basil, Lemongrass, Peppers, Mexican Tarragon as well as other frost sensitive plants closely, looking for new growth emerging from the lower half of the plant. Using sharp shears cut the plant back by 1/3 to ½ or more, down to healthy new side shoots. Top-dress the plant with new compost and water well for a fresh start. Rosemary spring growth should be well underway and as long as the blossoming of its vivid blue-violet flowers is over, it can be safely trimmed back.

Create a Hummingbird Habitat

Hummingbirds have long been drawn to the desert landscape where colorful blooms entice their visits. In Arizona, 18 hummingbird species have been identified, according to Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO). Most species fly to Mexico for the winter, although Anna's and Costa's hummers are year-around residents in the Phoenix area. You can draw these flying gems to your yard by implementing the following habitat enhancements:

Grow their favorites—Hummers regularly plunder nectar from red, pink and orange flowers. Their long, narrow bills are best-suited for probing into such tubular or trumpet flower shapes as aloe, chuparosa, desert honeysuckle, hummingbird mint and salvia.

Avoid use of pesticides—Pesticides are lethal to hummers. Although they may be the world's tiniest birds, they also have hearty appetites. In addition to nectar, they require protein-rich insects to maintain their high-speed lifestyle. Approximately 40 percent of adult diets consist of insects; nestlings consume up to 2,000 insects daily. Halt pesticide use, and allow hummingbirds (and other species) to perform pest-patrol duties in your yard.

Offer fresh water—Add a feature with running or dripping water. Situate it in front of a window or near a patio area where you can observe hummers darting in and out for a quick dip. It should be placed in an open area where predators can't lie in wait beneath shrubbery.

Plant a perch—Hummingbirds are territorial and like safe perches on which to rest and survey their domains. Trees and shrubs create shelter, nesting sites and food in the form of flower nectar and insects. Low-water-use blooming trees that hummingbirds frequent include foothills palo verde, cascalote and desert willow. Excellent shrub choices for bird habitats include Arizona rosewood, barberry and jojoba.

Provide nectar year-round—First make a list of when your existing landscape vegetation blooms. Then supplement with some of the favored hummingbird flora shown below to fill in any gaps. Note how adding just a handful of well-chosen plants means four seasons of nectar for hummers, as well as colorful blossoms for you to enjoy.

Plants that Attract Hummingbirds

Spring: Ocotillo, Penstemon, Aloe, Red eremophila (emu), Chuparosa, Desert willow, Red yucca, Baja fairy duster, Orange bells

Summer: Hummingbird trumpet, Desert willow, Red yucca, Baja fairy duster, Orange bells

Fall: Hummingbird trumpet, Chuparosa, Desert willow, Red yucca, Baja fairy duster, Orange bells

Winter: Aloe, Red eremophila (emu), Chuparosa, Baja fairy duster, Orange bells

Miscellaneous

Roses- During spring's peak bloom period feed and water to promote continued flowering. Apply fertilizer every two weeks until the heat of summer begins. Water twice per week, when temperatures are below 80 degrees, increasing to three times weekly when temperatures are above 80 degrees or conditions are windy, which can dry out foliage and blooms.

Citrus- Do not prune citrus except to remove dead or damaged wood and branches obstructing pathways, views, or structures.

Bird Feeding- Please, do not feed the birds as there are many dangers involved in feeding any of the wildlife here in the desert. You might attract other animals that eat seeds such as mice or rats. Then, you might attract things that eat mice or rats, such as snakes. The birds might be fun...but it's not worth it.

April Happenings

April is chock full of exciting events: ***April Fool's Day, Final Four***, and of course, ***The Masters***. However, these are your garden happenings:

- Our desert "bean" trees (such as blue palo verdes, acacias, and mesquites) will begin to open their yellow to creamy blooms and create ***corridors of yellow*** throughout our community.
- The cacti will begin to bloom starting off with prickly pears, chollas, and hedgehogs.
- Some saguaro cacti will open their big, white flowers.

As the days lengthen and warm up, reptiles become more visible—time to watch for rattlesnakes (although remember they can be out any month of the year). Desert iguanas, lesser earless lizards and western whiptail lizards begin breeding. Bobcats and coyotes are also very active. And butterfly activity picks up; look for great blue hairstreak, hackberry, skipper, blue, and queen butterflies.

Baseball Opening Day- "Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona". - George Frederick Will

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at 602- 827-8200)



A local Bobcat on the Casita roof of Joe McDade. The cat is a frequent visitor to Joe's property as he likes to take a nap behind the fireplace structure which provides a well hidden spot.

From the Bellasera Board

The Bellasera Board has requested space in the newsletter to add information from the board meetings to better keep the residents informed as to changes and/or decisions made. We hope you will take advantage of this new newsletter page and be aware of what's happening in your community.

- The Board appointed **Carl Leroux** to fill the seat vacated earlier this year. Welcome **Carl**!
- The Board passed a motion to return the pool temperature to 84 degrees.
- After open discussion from numerous residents regarding the playing of pickleball on Bellasera property, the Board clarified that the resolution that did not pass last year was to play Pickleball on the west tennis court and spend funds to improve the court for play. What the Pickleball club is doing now is playing on the basketball court with equipment purchased by the club. The Board is following the specification in the CC&R's which do NOT define any specific usage limitation on our courts.
- The Board passed a resolution to have all the sign posts and street signs repainted. This will occur in early May, we will notify all residents as we get closer to the painting start date.
- Lighting inspections were recently completed. Hopefully you will NOT receive a courtesy notice from **Laurie**, but if you do, please correct the issue and let her know you have done so.



Spring Bloom



Bellasera Community Association

**7350 E Ponte Bella Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85266-2701**

Office: **480-488-0400**
Security/Front Gate: **480-488-3663**

Web Site: **azbellasera.org**
Weather: **weather.azbellasera.org**
Community Directory: **directory.azbellasera.org**

Community Manager: **Laurie Forte, Lforte@aamaz.com**
-Office Hours-
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Questions regarding your account?
Contact AAM, LLC: **602-957-9191** or toll free, **866-354-0257**
AAM, LLC (after hours, emergency): **602-957-9191** or toll free, **866-553-8290**

Bellasera Community Volunteers

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless
Interested in volunteering? Go to **azbellasera.org**, "BCA Members" page*

Board of Directors **board@azbellasera.org**

President - Dennis Carson - **dmcbca@cox.net**
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