

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Hello Bellasera Residents,

I am very happy to be part of a great team serving your community. **Trudy** (introduced on page 2) and I will take good care of you. That is our goal and desire.

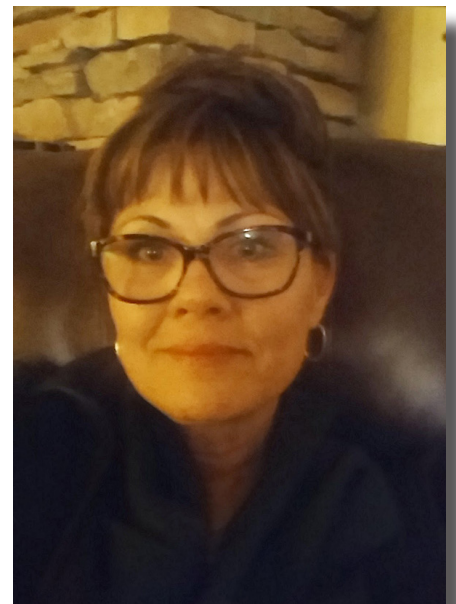
I have been a Portfolio Community Manager for about seven years. I have a CAAM (State of Arizona) and a CMCA (National/International) community manager designations/certifications and a BS in Business Management. I love learning and continue to educate myself in the industry and other topics as much as I can. Being in the know, is the know, and you only know what you know, ya know. Say that three times fast!

I am a mother of four adult children (all moving into their forties now, frightening)! I am also Nonna to eight wonderful, beautiful, grandchildren. And last but not least, I am a dog mom to my sweet little white Maltipoo Evy, unless she is in trouble, then it is Evelyn. She is my momma's name sake!

I love sports, especially the Green Bay Packers. Go Pack Go! I love to paint on canvas and anything else that will allow me to color. I crochet, love to play games, enjoy reading, traveling, spending time with my family, beautiful days and sunsets, and my heart is split between the mountains and the beach. And humor is a must!

Now you know who I am, I would like to know all of you. Looking forward to meeting you when I am onsite, please stop by and say hi to Trudy and myself.

---Ronda



October - 2019



Clubhouse Corner

By Ronda Lalli - Community Manager &
Trudy Vinger - Resident Services Coordinator

Welcome to Trudy

Trudy Vinger is rejoining AAM as the Resident Services Coordinator at Bellasera. She previously worked onsite at McDowell Mountain Ranch for AAM where she served as Compliance Administrator. Prior to her time with AAM she worked for the Department of Army as a Real Estate Administrator and Project Manager.

Trudy's Army career took her to many locations around the United States. She's lived in the following cities: New Orleans, Boston, Colorado Springs, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Galveston, Seattle and Yuma. Whew!

Trudy enjoys watching her sports teams – Louisiana State University and the New Orleans Saints. She has 2 fur kiddos – An Old English Sheepdog – MeauxJeaux (Mojo) and a Pekingese – Ping.



Photo from Social Media



This and That

Bellasera Book Club: We will start our season on **October 23** at noon in the clubhouse to discuss our summer selections of Willa Cather's books. It will be interesting to make selections for the upcoming months. I look forward to another season of discussions with friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Contact **Karen Moore, kkmooore40@yahoo.com**, with any questions.

October Wine and Cheese Gathering: We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to join us as our October gathering on **Friday, October 18** from **5 to 7 p.m.** **Steve and Linda McVey, Jeff Thormann** and **Cheri Valuet** will be co-hosting the event. It will be held at the Bellasera Community Clubhouse. Please bring a nice bottle of wine from Sonoma County (red or white) and a cheese plate, appetizer or dessert of your choosing. ***This gathering will have a football theme, so plan on wearing your favorite team apparel.*** Please text or call **Cheri Valuet, 734-323-7128**, or e-mail, **cvaluet@gmail.com**, to RSVP or if you have questions. You can also sign-up for the event in the clubhouse. We Hope To See You On The 18th!

Join the Fall Road Cleanup Crew: Once again Bellasera will participate in a City-wide Litter Clean-Up Event. For 5 years our community has adopted a portion of Lone Mountain Road, from Scottsdale Road to Hayden Road, part of the City's Adopt-a-Road program. Communications Committee member **Joe McDade** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers on **Saturday, October 26 at 8 a.m.** If you'd like to volunteer to join the effort, e-mail: **editor@azbellasera.org**. All material (vests, gloves, pickers and trash bags) will be furnished. Volunteers will be asked to sign waiver forms.

October Ladies Luncheon: The Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, October 17, 12 noon**, at **Jade Palace, 8876 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd. #104, Scottsdale, 85255**. Please call **Linda Sotnick, 480-575-7040**, or sign up in the clubhouse.

Hikers: We had a very successful 2018/19 hiking season thanks to the hikers who organized one hike each month. As we did last season, we depend on hikers to select a month and plan the hike. To organize a hike select a month, a day, a location, put a notice in the newsletter, a sign up sheet in the clubhouse & lead the group on hike day. Our first hike for the 2019/20 season will be in the middle of Browns Ranch at the Fraesfield trail head. We will hike Black Hill Trail to Turpentine trail to Whiskey Bottle trail for a 4.7 mile loop. This is a pretty hike, rated easy to moderate with some gentle elevation & some rocky areas. Sneakers are OK. The hike is **Tuesday, October 22**. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot by **9 a.m.** Remember to bring water. If anyone is interested, we will go to Pinnacle Peak Grill afterwards. Sign up in the clubhouse or e-mail **Karen Meiliken, meiliken1@aol.com**.

Web Site Search: Bellasera's web site, **azbellasera.org**, has a wealth of information about our community. It's easy to search for whatever you're looking for by doing a Google (or equivalent) search. Example: to find everything on the site about the word "rain", enter the following: **azbellasera.org:rain** After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

Trash/Recycle Containers: Those of us who had our recycle containers out last Thursday were reminded (via an attached note) of the Scottsdale city ordinance requirement for the container to not impede handicap or pedestrian traffic. The trash and recycle containers should be in the street, as close to the curb as possible. This also means we need to be aware of the containers as traffic obstacles in place Monday through Thursday. Thank you for cooperation.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 13 at 8:30 a.m.**

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

September Weather in Bellasera

(September 1 - September 30)

Highest Temperature: **108**

Lowest temperature: **57**

Rainfall: **1.83 inch**

Rainfall this year: **11.13 inch**

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

Bellasera Weather at a Touch

A free app for your iPhone or iPad will provide instant Bellasera weather information at a touch! This app is only available in the Apple App Store. In the App Store, search for "PWS Monitor" (no quotation marks). Install the free app. Touch the gear icon at the lower left of your display. The Settings screen will appear. Touch "Enter A Known Station ID" Enter "KAZSCOTT79" Touch OK.

That's it. More information, if required, is available by e-mail, **editor@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, September 30**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, October 28**. 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. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week**. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Brush & Bulk Removal		1 Poker - 7 pm	2 Pickelball - 9 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	3 Yoga - 8:00 am	4 Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	5 Pickelball - 9 am
6	7 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	8 Building & Grounds - 10 am Modifications - Noon Poker - 7 pm	9 Pickelball - 9 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	10 Yoga - 8:00 am	11 Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	12 Pickelball - 9 am
13	14 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	15 Poker - 7 pm	16 Pickelball - 9 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	17 Yoga - 8:00 am Ladies Luncheon - 12 noon	18 Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm Wine Tasting - 5-7 pm	19 Pickelball - 9 am
20	21 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	22 Bellasera Hikers - 9 am Budget & Finance - 10 am Poker - 7 pm	23 Pickelball - 9 am Water Aerobics - 10 am Book Club - 12 noon	24 Yoga - 8:00 am	25 Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	26 Road Cleanup - 8 am Pickelball - 9 am
27 Brush & Bulk Removal	28 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	29 Poker - 7 pm	30 Pickelball - 9 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	31 Yoga - 8:00 am 		

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

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](mailto:Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.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**.

Our four year old golden retriever needs a dog walker and a dog lover who will play ball with him at the dog park. Could that be you? Please text **Donna, 308-641-7942**.

Desert Dwellers Home Watching, LLC, a home watching service exclusively for Bellasera residents. Desert Dwellers is owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents **Jennifer Brummet** and **Ross Strozewski**. We are licensed and insured and provide a variety of weekly, bi-monthly or monthly visits. We provide visual inspections of the interior and exterior of the home including, but not limited to, check of windows and doors for any potential problems, visual inspection of landscaping, run water in all sinks, bathtubs and showers (to keep traps from drying out and prevent sewer gases from entering your home), start and run vehicles, and post storm surveying. All visits include a comprehensive home watching report. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** or e-mail us at **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

2017 Lexus NX200t SUV. 4500 miles, Like new with all the bells and whistles. White with black and tan interior. Call **Paul at 480-912-7999** for price.

*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

October 2009

The City of Scottsdale recently conducted an inspection of the roadways and washes in Bellasera. They brought to the attention of management that some landscaping crews are blowing cacti into the washes instead of disposing of them properly. There is a large amount of the debris and the City's concern is that the cacti will clog the drains after a rain which will cause a significant amount of problems. Bellasera management is asking for your cooperation by speaking with your landscape company to ensure that they abide by the Codes regarding the open areas and washes. The City will do a follow-up inspection in a few days to see if the debris has been cleared.

The Bellasera community extends its sympathy and condolences to the family and many friends of Walt Winston, 81, who passed away on September 16, following a three year struggle with cancer. You are invited to a Halloween Evening by the Pool Saturday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. In the spirit of Halloween, entry to the event requires wearing ALL black attire. A sampling of the evening's roster of tricks and treats includes good ol' lip smackin' chili and cornbread, a special dessert and cigars to be enjoyed fireside. Bring your favorite Halloween treat or pay \$5 at the door. Sign up sheets are available at the clubhouse. Please keep in mind the sign up sheets help us plan ordering food, etc. for the event so please let us know if your plans change and you are unable to attend. BYOB and one or 2 canned goods for our Food Drive. Hope to see you there!

The summer has been pretty quiet with many residents, including yours truly, spending quite a bit of time in cooler climates. In the coming months, the Board will be taking a look at a proposal to install a solar water heating system for the pool and/or solar electric panels to power the clubhouse. We're still in the preliminary investigation stages and we will let you know if we plan to take a vote to move forward. On the capital budget side, there are a number of small items but we believe many of them can be delayed without any impact on our maintenance program, thus giving us the opportunity to continue building our reserves.--Chuck Roach

October 2014

A welcome addition to the workout area of the clubhouse: new, Samsung 40" wide-screen High Definition LCD televisions. Just might make your workout session seem more enjoyable.

Lone Mountain Trail Update – The Easement to construct and use the trail extension across the adjacent Wallace Trust property to connect to the existing trail on Lone Mountain has now been executed by all parties. Construction will begin in December and should be completed early in the new year. Stay tuned for an official announcement of the trail's opening.

House Number Visibility - As we have discussed in many prior newsletter postings, the address numbers on many homes in Bellasera are so faded as to be unreadable from the street. This poses a problem for vendors and our Manager when they make regular inspections of our community. Magic Markers have been available in the clubhouse office for residents to use to darken house numbers on their home for some time. The Board has now adopted a policy requiring all house numbers to be clearly visible from the street. If your home address is one that needs darkening, please pick up a marker from the Management Office to darken it yourself or make other arrangements to have this corrected.

Sid Charnock left this world on September 23, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. We fought hard, but lost. He appreciated the many phone calls, visits, and cards from all our good friends.



From the Board

Included below are items that were discussed and acted upon during the Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

1. Paul Rippens, former Chief of Forestry of Los Angeles County Fire Department was appointed as Wildfire Safety Advisor to the Board. The Wildfire Safety Advisor will, from time to time, advise the Board with recommendations the Board should consider for fire protection on Bellasera's common areas.
2. The Scottsdale Fire Marshal inspected dead trees within the NAOS near the clubhouse and approved the removal of approximately 20 dead trees. The Board anticipates the Fire Marshall will help us identify additional dead trees in our community and hopefully approve their removal.
3. The status of the fence painting project scheduled for next spring was discussed and it was reported a Statement of Work is being prepared in anticipation of obtaining bids.
4. An annual maintenance agreement for the Life Fitness exercise and cardio equipment was awarded to Gym Tech.
5. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bellasera Community Association will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
6. At the Communications Committee meeting held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, recommendations were made regarding the use of personal email addresses used in the newsletter and on the web site. The Board recommends the Communication Committee shall:
 - a. Remove the personal email addresses of Board members and Committee Members from the Bellasera web page and the Bellasera newsletter. In lieu of individual email addresses, the Committee shall take such action as it determines to substitute a global email address for the Board and each Committee, which is then routed to each member, as the case may be.
 - b. Coordinate with AAM to add a link on the Bellasera web page linking to the AAM BILL PAY that will allow a resident to view their personal account and take action to pay any outstanding amounts.
 - c. Coordinate with AAM to add a link on the Bellasera web page linking to AAM to allow residents to view Bellasera financial statements.

TIME IS GROWING SHORT

Are you remembering that in a few short months contractors will begin painting all the view fences in the Bellasera Community? That's right. In the months of February and March, 2020, all the view fences will receive a fresh coat of paint and you must do your part. Here is what you have to do:

- All vines must be removed from the view fences and shrubs or trees trimmed back to allow at least two feet for workers to access the fence. Please speak to your landscaper/gardener now to make sure all the work is completed no later than the last day of January, 2020.
- You are responsible for removing rabbit fencing from your view fence. After the painting is completed, you may reinstall the rabbit fencing.
- There are no exceptions to preparing the view fencing in your yard for painting.

We realize that trimming vines, shrubs and trees along with the removal of the rabbit fencing may be an inconvenience to you but it is necessary for the Bellasera Community to maintain the view fencing. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning this upcoming project, please call the Bellasera office for clarifications.



October in the Garden

by Joe McDade

We Made It...Welcome To The Delightful Month Of October! The Heat Switch Was Turned Off

Last month, I bemoaned the situation we were in regarding our unfriendly, dry, monsoon. Well, most of September provided us with more of the same... hot, dry and, hostile to your garden weather. However, if you recall, I also told you not to give up hope as we had the same situation in 2014 until September came to the rescue. Well, it took until the end of the month, but consider us rescued as we got some welcome rain and a preview of real fall weather. The rain totals might not end up being a repeat of 2014, but I'll take it!

The Month Of Change

Traditionally, October ushers in a delightful change in our weather as evidenced by our cool morning and evening temperatures. This is a reminder that we can now look forward to seven or eight months of a moderate, comfortable environment. More importantly, October provides an opportunity to give our gardens some new life as it is the prime planting month here in the low desert.

What To Plant

It is the best month to plant just about everything:

• **trees** • **shrubs** • **perennials** • **groundcover** • **vines** • **ornamental grasses** • **cacti**
• **succulents** • **wildflowers** • **cool-season veggies** • **herbs** • **flowers**

Survey your garden and identify your needs whether it is to replace something that isn't doing well or a simple addition. Temperatures have abated to a comfortable level and 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.

Some suggestions:

Citrus Trees- Right now there is a wide selection of citrus available in our local nurseries; orange, grapefruit, tangerine, etc. Citrus are easy to plant as you simply have to remember to prepare a hole no deeper than the plant's root ball but at least twice the width of their containers. This promotes root growth out into the native soil. **Remember: Only dwarf citrus trees are allowed in Bellasera.** These will still provide you with plenty of fruit.

Shrubs- If you'd like to add some brilliant fall colors to your garden, consider the following:

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.

Texas Sage - In the early development of Bellasera, Texas Sage was always included in a Landscapers list which is certainly borne out in driving around the neighborhood. It is an excellent choice. It has a lot of redeeming values. They are easy to care for, compact, drought-resistant and attractive bushes, a profuse bloomer, Sage attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, from late winter to early fall. Its blooms make excellent cut flowers, and its fragrant foliage has been known to repel pests. Some suggestions: *Chaparral Sage* ▪ *Desert Sage* ▪ *Red Sage* ▪ *White Sage*

Cool-Season Vegetables- If you are into vegetables, now is the time to 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)**. Why do we call them cool season veggies? They respond to short days and cool nights and they are grown from September through April. 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 www.azbellasera.org.

Brighten up Your Winter Surroundings....Bring Color to Your Patio

If you planted summer annuals, now is the time to think about replacing them with winter flowers. If you didn't plant summer flowers, think about adding color to your surroundings this winter with some flower beds (preferably in pots) as the nurseries will be packed with glorious selections in every size, color, and shape. Below, is my annual list of suggestions 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.
- **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.*

Revitalize Your Garden...Restore Nutrients

In addition to planting, you should spend some time **fertilizing** and **acidifying** your citrus trees and other plants. Frequent watering has been necessary to make it through a tough summer and a mediocre monsoon. However, this results in salt slowly building in the soil each time you water and depletes the available nutrients. By fertilizing this month, you will give all your plants a much-needed boost that will be rewarded with a flush of growth, green, and blooms.

Watering

Our temperatures have begun to dip below 100° which means you can 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.

Citrus- Late summer application of nitrogen fertilizer will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navel oranges and tangerines) than spring-ripening (grapefruit and Valencia oranges).

Deciduous Fruit Trees- Prune the water sprouts.

Landscape Plants- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.

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

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

Observations and Musings

Snakes - Most snakes head to winter burrows this month. Although they remain fairly inactive in the colder months, keep in mind that they can emerge any time of year if enough warm days pass to sufficiently rouse them.

Think Pumpkin....As in pies, latte, soup, pudding, ice cream and cheesecake.

Don't Forget.... Oct31-Halloween, Nov3- Clocks elsewhere are turned back (not ours!)

Baseball -Baseball playoffs get underway in October, so I thought a few quotes would be apropos:

“All I remember about my wedding day in 1967 is that the Cubs lost a doubleheader” George Will

“I love pumpkin pie ala mode with ice cream” Yogi Berra

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



Bellasera Community Association

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Scottsdale, AZ 85266-2701**

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M-F: 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sun: 7 a.m.-5p.m.

Web Site: **azbellasera.org**

Weather: **weather.azbellasera.org**

Community Directory: **directory.azbellasera.org**

(Email address in parentheses)

Community Manager: **Ronda Lalli (manager@azbellasera.org)**

Resident Services Coordinator: **Trudy Vinger (manager@azbellasera.org)**

-Office Hours-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, 12 Noon to 4:00 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

Vice President - Joe Carlon

Secretary - Dennis Soeffner

Treasurer - David Reid

Director - Carl Leroux

Committees

Budget & Finance - (**bandf@azbellasera.org**) - **Andrey Fischer, Mary Moore, Chuck Roach, Carlton Rooks-Chair, Charles Schroeder, Paul Snyder**

Buildings & Grounds - (**bandg@azbellasera.org**) - **Bob Gromko, John Mattox, Jim Ragborg-Co-chair, Tom Saari-Co-chair, Dennis Soeffner, Jill Wyllie, Bruce Van Cleave**

Communications - (**comm@azbellasera.org**) - **Dennis Carson, Keith Christian-Chair, Joe McDade, Carol Padwe, Paul Rippens**

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Security Advisory - (**sec@azbellasera.org**) - **Joe Carlon**

Wildfire Safety Advisor - **Paul Rippens**