

# BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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*If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.*

Maya Angelou



February - 2020



# Clubhouse Corner

by Annette McCarthy & Trudy Vinger

As we welcome another New Year, we look forward to this season in Arizona. Our winter season is the most spectacular time to be

in Arizona. And one of the busiest. Auto shows, golf tournaments, Spring Training, hiking (without snakes), beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

We certainly have it made compared to other parts of the country. We are able to “dress up” in shorts, flip-flops and t-shirts and enjoy all that the Scottsdale scene has to offer.

Our important project coming up in February is the painting of the back view fences for all of Bellasera. We provided detailed information to everyone to assist in making this a smooth process for our residents.

May you have a wonderful February and please let **Trudy** and me know if we can assist you.

We decided to prepare a few “Snippets” from the feedback we received this month from residents and our Board of Directors.

## **Please pick-up after your dog!**

We have a lovely community and we want to keep it that way! There are “Poopy Doo” bags throughout the community so, please be a good neighbor and help us keep Bellasera beautiful!

## **Bellasera Clubhouse Facilities:**

Residents using the clubhouse facility, kitchen area, and/or pool area are responsible for clean-up after their events. If the janitorial service has to clean-up after your event,

the cost will be passed along to the individual who hosted the event.

We also ask that you not to drag tables across the floor in the clubhouse room as the flooring can be scratched.

## **Facebook Friend Requests:**

The Bellasera Facebook group page receives many friend requests. In order to admit residents only to the site, please ensure you contact **Trudy**, [tvinger@associatedasset.com](mailto:tvinger@associatedasset.com), to let her know you have a pending request.

## **Miscellaneous Requests/Suggestions:**

We ask that any requests you have regarding the Bellasera Community be put in writing and emailed to **Trudy**, [tvinger@associatedasset.com](mailto:tvinger@associatedasset.com).

**Trudy** receives many verbal requests to replace, repair, update, etc. the facilities and while she is happy to listen to your suggestions, in order for your requests to be vetted and reviewed by the Board, please put them in writing.

If you want to remain anonymous, you can write a note and place it in the suggestion box located outside of the clubhouse office.

## **Bellasera Community Events**

**The Joy of Chili!** Hey we live in Arizona and who doesn't love this comfort food. If you have a special recipe you want to share or have a favorite chili, bring a pot of it to the clubhouse **Friday, February 7, at 6 p.m.** Or you can bring a salad, cornbread or anything else you think goes well with chili. A sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse. We are looking to try as many chili dishes as possible: beans; no beans; meat; no meat; vegan; chicken; turkey; atomic or mild chili. Just bring it on!

**February Wine & Cheese Gathering:** Please join us for wine tasting on **Friday, February 21, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Leslie and John Richardson, 7403 E. Ponte Bella Drive.** We would like to showcase wines from South America, so please bring either a red or white wine and an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to **mamieofthree@gmail.com, 480-585-3053**, or there will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

**Bellasera Hiking Group:** Our hike in February is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20.** Marcus Landslide will be our first destination. From there we will hike Boulder Trail, Pemberton Trail, pass the Tonto Tank, Rock Knob Trail, and completing out the loop on the Marcus Landslide Trail. Marcus landslide features fascinating rock formations and the Rock Knob Trail is beautiful with boulders surrounded by large areas of cholla cactus. The vistas surrounding these trails are magnificent. Total distance is a little over 6 miles with an elevation around 500 feet. Your hike leader will be **Pamela Ewing**, a new transplant from Oregon. We'll meet at the clubhouse at **8:30 a.m.**, bring water, a snack, and good shoes. The terrain is relatively easy with a few rocky areas. You're guaranteed to have a good time and meet some new people. Questions? Call **480-687-3774**.

**Bellasera Book Club:** Will meet at **noon** on **Wednesday, February 26** to discuss upcoming selections in the clubhouse. Any questions contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore40@yahoo.com**.

**Ladies Lunch:** Ladies join me for lunch and conversation on **Thursday, February 20 at 12:00 noon.** It'll be at **The Yard House, Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd.,** in Phoenix 85050. Please RSVP in the clubhouse or contact **Linda Sotnick, 480-575-7040, lindagschwend@gmail.com**.

**Pinochle Anyone?** Interested in pinochle? Let's start a group of guys and gals. Please contact **Patty Brader, 509/594-7007**.

## Meeting Notices

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

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, February 18** at **10 a.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, February 11** at **10 a.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, March 18** at **8:30 a.m.**

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

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### January Weather in Bellasera

(January 1 - January 31)

Highest Temperature: **74 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **35 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.17 inch**

Rainfall this year: **0.17 inch**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: **[weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org)**

**Bellasera Weather at a Touch.** A free app for your iPhone, iPad only will provide instant Bellasera Weather information at a touch! This app is only available in the Apple App Store. In the App Store, search "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 Knows Station ID" enter "KAZSCOTT79" Touch OK. That's it. More information, if required, is available by e-mail, **[editor@azbellasera.org](mailto:editor@azbellasera.org)**

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### Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to **[editor@azbellasera.org](mailto: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, February 24**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, March 23**. 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**.



# February 2020

## Bellaser Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> Pickelball - 10 am start
<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>4</sup> Poker - 7 pm	<sup>5</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Pickelball - 2 pm	<sup>6</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am	<sup>7</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm The Joy of Chili! 6 pm	<sup>8</sup> Pickelball - 10 am start
<sup>9</sup>	<sup>10</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>11</sup> Building & Grounds - 10 am Modifications - noon Poker - 7 pm	<sup>12</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Pickelball - 2 pm	<sup>13</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am	<sup>14</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm 	<sup>15</sup> Pickelball - 10 am start
<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am 	<sup>18</sup> Budget & Finance - 10 am Poker - 7 pm	<sup>19</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Pickelball - 2 pm	<sup>20</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am Hiking Group - 8:30 am Ladies Lunch - 12 Noon	<sup>21</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm Wine & Cheese - 5 - 7 pm	<sup>22</sup> Pickelball - 10 am start
<sup>23</sup> Brush & Bulk Pick-up	<sup>24</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>25</sup> Poker - 7 pm	<sup>26</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Book Club - Noon Board Meeting - 1 pm Pickelball - 2 pm	<sup>27</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am	<sup>28</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	<sup>29</sup> Pickelball - 10 am start

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

FOR SALE: Draperies and Roman Shades for Coralina model home here in Bellasera. Hardware included. **602-402-9753**.

FOR SALE: KitchenAid refrigerator – stainless steel, side by side, built-in (42" W, 25" D, 84" H), 25 cu ft, in-door ice & water, model KBSD612ESS00. Only used for 2-1/2 years. Excellent working condition. 3-Month money-back guaranty. Original cost approx \$10,000. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Call **Peggy** or **Joel**, **480-200-7163**, or e-mail, **plcpch@cox.net**.

Hoover Floormate...save your knees, back with this tool. Vacuums the dirt, lays down the floor cleaning solution, scrubs with 6 brushes, and vacuums the floor clean. Good condition, \$100. Dyson "Animal" Ball Vacuum. Excellent condition, powerful, efficient, with tools. \$160. **SgreenP@MSN.com**.

2019 Lexus NX 300, white, like new with 9,800 miles. \$35,500 or best offer. **916 214 1851**.

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. 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**.

Home Watching, LLC, is 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. 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**.

*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***

### Lone Mountain Entrance Gate Problem:

We have a continuing problem with tailgaters entering through the Lone Mountain gate into our community. A major contributor to this problem is Google Maps that routes folks through the LM gate when addresses within Bellasera are searched. Google Maps offers a means of submitting comments and needed corrections. A few of us have done so and received a notice that our comments are under review, but Google has not taken any action so far. Perhaps Google may take action if more folks contact them. If interested, here's how to do it. Other suggestions are welcome.

- On your computer, open Google Maps and sign in.
- In the top left click: **Menu**
- Scroll down to: **Send feedback.**
- In the window that pops up, choose the feedback you would like to give. I chose **Wrong Information**
- A window will open up telling you to: Click the place or road segments you want to fix I navigated my cursor on the map over the intersection of 76th and E Lone Mountain and clicked.
- A new window opened up with three fields, one designated 76th St, one East Lone Mountain Rd, and the third was Add a missing place. I clicked on **76th Street**
- Another window then opens with several options. I clicked on **Traffic direction**, and added the following note (but, obviously, you can draft any comment you think may be more effective).

*76th Street off E Lone Mountain Rd is one-way North for public purposes. 76th Street south of E. Lone Mountain Dr in Scottsdale AZ is a private drive into a gated community, with restricted access for residents only. Only residents of Bellasera subdivision may travel southbound on 76th. Please stop routing the public southbound off E Lone Mountain Road through the private gate. The correct entry street into the Bellasera subdivision is on E Pontebella Dr eastbound off Scottsdale Rd.*

- Click **Submit**

--Dennis Carson



Welcome to Securitas employee **Yakub Kzar**, who is now Bellasera's new gate guard, working the 2 - 10 p.m. weekday shift.

**Dog Pictures in March:** The perception of some of our Bellasera newsletter readers is these monthly pages have gone to the dogs. Next month we plan to bring perception to reality.

We're asking all Bellasera residents to send us a picture of your canine companion(s) for inclusion in the March Bellasera newsletter. Send your image file, along with the dog's name, including your name(s) (optional). Send to: **editor@azbellasera.org**.

We plan to publish as many as we get. Your invitation to share your pet with the community. --**Editor**

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**Web Site Search:** Bellasera's web site, [azbellasera.org](http://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 as follows.

To find everything on the site about the word "rain", enter the following: [azbellasera.org:rain](http://azbellasera.org:rain)

After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

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**Bellasera Community Fun Facts.** Knowing your CC&Rs. True or False?

1. When replacing under soffet garage lights, any light bulb will do?

**False.** Only replace with "soft white" light bulbs. 8.5w, 650 lumen LED bulbs are acceptable.

2. Lawn art such as wagons, sculptures, fountains, etc in front yards are prohibited by our CC&Rs?

**True.** These items are prohibited.

3. It's OK to park my car, or a guest car on the street overnight?

**False.** Overnight street parking is prohibited.

4. I can replace my current front door with a new iron & glass door if I chose.

**False.** Any modification impacting the exterior of your home must have approval from the Modifications Committee, and must adhere to current guidelines.

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**Now We Know the Real Cause:** Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale. Thank goodness for studies like this. It's not our age, it's that stupid door!





## *Rear View - A History of Bellasera*

### **February 2010**

Many thanks to Chuck Roach for his unselfish service over many years to Bellasera as a Director and the President of the Association. Bellasera has become a better community because of him. He has been and is one of the few residents willing to step up and donate his time to serve his community. As Vice President, I had the pleasure of sitting next to Chuck for three of those years observing as he managed through some very difficult situations, and was always amazed at his insight, professionalism and dedication to doing what was best for the community. I know that I and many, many other folks in Bellasera will miss having Chuck as our President.--Dennis Carson

The stately saguaro that has been a fixture outside the Lone Mountain Road entry gate to Bellasera is history. No, it did not succumb to the high winds and rain of January, but had become so rotted that it was beyond salvage, and had to be removed. Farewell *carnegiea gigantea*!

A locking mailbox has been installed just inside the front door to the clubhouse. It's meant to collect comments, suggestions, or any papers for the Community Manager when the office is closed. Much easier than trying to slip items under the door, now that weather stripping has been installed around the office door.

At the meeting featuring an officer from the Scottsdale Police Department on Tuesday, January 12, I spoke to an overflow crowd about volunteering. Bellasera has five committees that assist the Board in managing the community: Budget & Finance, Building & Grounds, Communications, Modifications, and Social. Since so many residents attended the meeting, it was a great opportunity to remind everyone of the need for residents to use their gifts and talents to help maintain the integrity of Bellasera. A sign-up sheet was passed around for residents to note their name and phone number if interested in joining a committee. Out of all the residents there only THREE gave their contact information!--Anna Ingram

### **February 2015**

The new Bellasera trail connecting to the existing trail leading to the summit of Lone Mountain is complete. There are two trailheads within our community. One at the north end of Balao Drive (road at the base of Lone Mountain, on the east end of Bellasera property), clearly marked; the other is near the wash that is accessed just south of the mailboxes on 77th Way -- this one is not yet clearly marked.

The Bellasera trail is relatively smooth, about 3000 feet in length, at an average grade elevation of 8.5%.

Bellasera homeowners may want to consider having their clothes dryer vent cleaned. Over the years the lint really does accumulate. Removing the lint will make the dryer work more efficiently and reduce the possibility of fire. Don't forget the bathroom vents as well.

Bellasera made a contribution to the Foothills Food Bank in Cave Creek in memory and honor of Gregg Dittoe. Gregg was an active volunteer for the Food Bank.

One of the things that first attracted my wife and I to Bellasera, when we decided to permanently relocate here in late 2010, was its natural setting and the unique qualities of the Foothills area of the high Sonoran Desert where Bellasera is located. Of our more than 290 acres, more than 50 acres consists of natural undisturbed open spaces including common areas, washes and trails with native vegetation distributed throughout the Bellasera Community, all which contribute to its character and beauty. This Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) is not just an amenity, it was mandated by the City of Scottsdale when Bellasera was originally developed. It is very important to provide continuous open spaces along the washes in order to sustain both the native desert plants and animals.--Richard Hoffman



# February In the Garden

by Joe McDade

## Winter in The Homestretch?

As winter loosens its grip, only a couple of nights may dip near freezing (which seems improbable with our current long term forecast) and some warm days will quickly remind us that spring is not far off.

## Some Rain, But No Frost!

We've had our share of rain this winter, but nothing close to the near record level we experienced last year. And, no frost yet with none in the long term forecast which means I'll skip my usual treatise on frost recovery. Of course, we've had our normal cold spells as the temperature does drop precipitously when the sun goes down, sometimes (when we're lucky) accompanied by a gorgeous sunset. We all look forward to these months and get to enjoy them with our welcome winter residents.

## What's In Bloom?

Right now, *bougainvillea*, *lantana* and *honeysuckle* are thriving which is in stark contrast to last year when Jack Frost took its toll on these vulnerable plants. So, it's on to February, a month of transition, when warm days will tempt us with thoughts of spring—days in the 80s are possible—but cold snaps are still more probable.

## Cleanup & Get Ready for Spring

The growing season officially starts in mid-February for us and, since it is short, don't lose time as we need to give plants and trees a chance to grow before the punishing summer heat. I suggest you take the following steps:

- Survey your garden for areas that might need to be rejuvenated or cleaned up and begin the process.
- Identify now what you might consider **planting** this month. I'll give you some suggestions.

## Planting

If you have the ambition and energy to grow **vegetables**, this is a good month to prepare a new **vegetable garden bed** as follows:

- Prepare your vegetable bed by using a digging fork or rototilling to approximately 12-18 inches deep. Do not work soil if it is too wet as it can permanently damage the soil structure.
- Apply compost generously (several inches) and incorporate it into the loosened soil.
- If you have an existing vegetable garden this is also a good time to add compost.

### Vegetable seeds to sow now include:

- beets • bok choy • carrots • collard greens • lentils • leaf lettuce • mustard greens
- green onions • Irish potatoes • radishes • turnips

### Vegetable seeds to sow the second part of February include:

- sweet corn • cantaloupe • cucumbers • muskmelon • summer squash • watermelon

### Vegetable Transplants include:

- Artichokes (Globe & Jerusalem) • Asparagus • Chard • Kohlrabi • Lettuce,
- Onion Sets • Peppers • Tomatoes

**Landscape Plants:** You can continue to plant cold-hardy and fall-winter growers such as:

- Globemallow • Penstemons • Brittlebush • Blackfoot • Golden Columbine
- Goodding's Verbena • Red Justicia • Fragrant Evening Primrose
- Desert Milkweed • Trixis • Cleveland Sage • White Sage • Aloes

## Pruning

While our winter has been, at times, on the cold side, we have had no frost damage and, assuming our luck holds out, your pruning tasks will be much easier this spring. But remember, do not prune frost sensitive plants until the last chance for freezing conditions has past, which is usually around mid-February to early March. Suggested pruning guidelines are:

**Deciduous trees**- Finish pruning nonnative deciduous shade trees and deciduous fruit trees by mid-month.

**Citrus trees**- Prune frost sensitive citrus after they begin to leaf out, if needed. As a general rule, citrus needs to be pruned only if there are aberrant branches ruining the shape of the tree.

**Flowering annuals and perennials** -Continue to **deadhead\*\***(see below) to encourage additional blooms.

**Remember:** Have a purpose and an end result in mind before you make the first cut. Never remove more than 1/4 of the total plant. Always use sharp, sterile, quality pruning tools and disinfect them between cuts to prevent the spread of disease. Pruning is an art as well as a science. How much you cut off and where you choose to make the cuts will affect both the health and the beauty of the plant or tree.

## Butterflies?

**Want to attract butterflies?** If the answer is yes, then plant now to be ready for butterfly migrations in spring and fall. Blanket flower, butterfly weed, desert milkweed, hyssop, sweet alyssum, verbena and yarrow plants are surefire butterfly magnets.

**Want to attract Hummingbirds and Celebrate Valentine's Day?** Consider Planting an **Emu Bush**. It's a fantastic shrub that blooms for Valentine's Day and grows well in our desert landscapes. The Valentine Emu Bush (*Eremophila maculata* 'Valentine') will give you winter color and hummingbirds love it. Our cooler January through March weather brings on the beautiful bright pink flowers. When it's not blooming, it stays green and can handle our heat. Another advantage for home landscapes and common areas is that it only gets to be four to five feet tall. So, it can fit in most landscape areas without needing constant maintenance or getting too large for its space. If you're looking for something in blue, the Emu Bush can help you with that too as there is a Blue Bells Emu Bush (*Eremophila hygrophana*). This is a smaller shrub only growing two to three feet tall. It can be placed in an even smaller area than the Valentine Emu Bush. It makes a great patio shrub. The Emu bush isn't just for Valentine's Day.

## Romantic Rose

Continuing with a Valentine's Day theme, I'll repeat my recommendation of the last few months to consider planting either **bare root** or **container grown** roses. There is a wide variety still available in local nurseries. Also, there is a perfect month to address maintenance of your roses (see below).

## February Garden Tasks

**Maintain Roses**- February is also a good month to pay attention to the maintenance of established roses in your garden. They can be fertilized around mid-month which is weeks before a target bloom date of April 1. Some gardeners wait until the first growth has reached 2 inches in length before applying fertilizer.

**Fertilize Fruit Trees**- If you did not do so in January, feed citrus with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirement. Fertilize deciduous fruit trees (apple, apricot, pear, plum, and pomegranate) with nitrogen as they begin to leaf out.

**Continue harvesting citrus-** Fruit sweetens the longer it stays on the tree, so letting it hang is the best storage method. Most citrus, including kumquats, lemons, limes, mandarins, navels, tangelos and pigmented and sweet oranges, can be harvested this month. Taste-test grapefruit and Valencia oranges for sweetness. Many can be harvested through May.

**Watch for aphids**—These tiny soft-bodied insects are usually grayish-black or green, although a bright yellow-orange color is commonly seen on the stems of desert milkweed. Aphids cluster on tender new plant growth sucking plant juices. Dislodge them with a blast of water from the hose as often as needed. Refrain from spraying chemical pesticides and soon such beneficial insects as lady beetles, green lacewings and parasitic wasps will arrive in your garden to control aphids for you.

### **\*\*What Is Deadheading?**

#### ***Deadheading Flowers: Encouraging A Second Bloom In The Garden***

Most annuals and many perennials will continue to bloom throughout the growing season if they are regularly deadheaded. Deadheading is the gardening term used for the removal of faded or dead flowers from plants. Deadheading is generally done both to maintain a plant's appearance and to improve its overall performance.

#### ***Why You Should Be Deadheading Your Flowers?***

Deadheading is an important task to keep up with in the garden throughout the growing season. Most flowers lose their attraction as they fade, spoiling the overall appearance of a garden or individual plants. As flowers shed their petals and begin to form seed heads, energy is focused into the development of the seeds, rather than the flowers. Regular deadheading, however, channels the energy into the flowers, resulting in healthier plants and continual blooms. Snapping or cutting dead flower heads can enhance the flowering performance of many perennials. If you're like most gardeners, deadheading may feel like a tedious, never-ending garden chore, but the new blooms spawned from this task can make the extra effort well worth it.

### **Important Dates To Remember**

Feb 29 (once every four years!)

Pitchers and Catchers Report- Starting Feb. 12

**Happy Valentine's Day!**





## **Bellasera Community Association**

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

**Office: 480-488-0400**

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

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

**Web Site: [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org)**

**Weather: [weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org)**

**Community Directory: [directory.azbellasera.org](http://directory.azbellasera.org)**

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**Community Manager: Annette McCarthy ([manager@azbellasera.org](mailto:manager@azbellasera.org))**

**Resident Services Coordinator: Trudy Vinger ([manager@azbellasera.org](mailto: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](http://azbellasera.org), "BCA Members" page*

### **Board of Directors**

**[board@azbellasera.org](mailto:board@azbellasera.org)**

**President - Dennis Carson**

**Vice President - Joe Carlon**

**Secretary - Dennis Soeffner**

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