

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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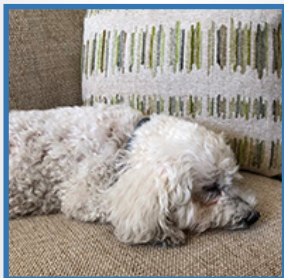
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I thought that spring must last forevermore;
For I was young and loved, and it was May.
Vera Brittain, May Morning

May - 2020



Clubhouse Corner

WATCH YOUR SPEED!

The speed limit on all Bellasera streets is 25-mph. With a lot more of our residents now in the stay-at-home, work-from-home mode, it has meant an increase in the number of walkers, bikers, dog walkers and runners on all our streets.

Please, when you are traveling our streets limit your speed to 25 mph.

And when you are a pedestrian, give a “you’re-going-too-fast” look to those whizzing by, obviously exceeding the posted speed limit.

Thank You Bellasera Residents:

On behalf of the Bellasera fence painting crew, DR Painting, and the Bellasera Building and Grounds Committee, a sincere thank you to everyone for taking down your rabbit fencing and vines from the view fencing in preparation of the painting. Because everyone worked together, we were able to finish the project on schedule.



Bellasera Community Events

May Wine & Cheese at **Sean & Barbara Prizeman's** is cancelled due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Here's to us getting back to normal later in the year and the resumption of our neighborhood activities! Best to you and be safe.

Book Club: Local rules permitting, we will meet on **Friday, May 29** at noon in the clubhouse to discuss *"The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo"* by **Taylor Jenkins Reid**. Hopefully we can also review our April and May picks as well. ("Island of Sea Women" and "Book Women of Troublesome Creek") Contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore40@yahoo.com**, with any questions. Enjoy our beautiful weather and stay safe.

The mailbox bulletin boards are meant to be a mirror image of the Official Community Bulletin Board just inside the main door to the clubhouse, maintained by the Community Manager. Thank you for not posting other items on any of the eight mailbox boards.

Hikers: Temperatures are rising – obey hiking and hydration rules. Play it safe when hiking: Take a buddy. Hydrate the day before you go. Bring plenty of water and your phone. Tell friends and family where you are heading and when you plan on returning. Remember your pet's safety when you hike as dogs do not actually sweat. They exchange heat through panting and, to a minor degree, through their feet pads. They do not tolerate high temperatures as well as humans do. When the temperature is above 90 degrees, leave your dog at home.

Scottsdale Electronics Recycling Collection Day has been canceled. In compliance with federal, state and county health organization recommendations, the city has canceled the Saturday, May 2, collection day.

Meeting Notices - All May Board and Committee meeting dates & times will be posted as available.

Board of Directors will meet on **TBA**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **TBA**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **TBA**

Communications Committee will meet on **TBA**

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

April Weather in Bellasera

(April 1 - April 30)

Highest Temperature: **101 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **41 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.04 inches**

Rainfall this year: **5.62 inches**

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

Bellasera Weather at a Touch: A free app for your iPhone, iPad only. Provides 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, May 18**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, June 22**. 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**.

MAY 2020

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
3	4	5	6 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am	7	8	9 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
10 	11	12	13 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am	14	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
17 Brush & Bulk Pick-up	18	19	20 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am	21	22	23 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
24 	25	26	27 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am	28	29 Book Club - Noon	30 Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
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B e l l a s e r a C l a s s i f i e d s

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services, LLC, available exclusively to Bellasera residents. Desert Dwellers is owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents, **Jennifer Brummet** and **Ross Strozeqski**. We are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring services while they are away from their desert dwelling. We are licensed, bonded and insured and can provide a variety of weekly, by-monthly, and monthly home monitoring visits. Services are based on our clients' preferences and include inspections of both the interior and exterior perimeter of the property. All visits include a comprehensive home watching report. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment, please contact us, **480-634-1452, ddhome watch@gmail.com**.

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**.

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**.

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefee can pick up your unwanted frurniture, 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**.

I would like to offer private tennis lessons for adults or children. I am formerly a tennis coach with IMG Academy in Florida. My rate for lessons is \$65 an hour. Please contact **Gaby Strobeck**, call or text, **405-204-5998** or email, **gabriela@strobeck.com**. During this time of Coronavirus we would meet on an outside court and keep a 6' distance, but that won't affect our lesson.

Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. Enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms 2 sleeper sofas/2baths; Gas fireplace; Fabulous deck; Full kitchen; Washer/Dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Contact Bellasera resident **Marti Bening**, for details.

*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 History of Bellasera

MAY 2010

On a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon, April 25, about 75 Bellasera residents attended the Bellasera Community Association's Annual Meeting, held outdoors on the clubhouse patio. The 2009 Annual Meeting minutes were approved, followed by a financial review from the BCA Treasurer, Ted Dixon. He reported the community's finances are in sound financial condition. One cause for concern is the increasing dollar amount of accounts receivable - moneys due the association that are unpaid. This includes quarterly assessments that are past due and delinquent fines. He assured the members action is under way by the Board to remedy this concern.

Good news for association members: quarterly dues for the next fiscal year (JUL 10-JUN 11) will remain at \$520.

Dennis Carson briefed those attending on the progress of repairs and maintenance of the swimming pool. Other topics covered included the pending repainting of the clubhouse exterior, and two upcoming special Board meetings. These are planned to address a security plan for the community, and the proposal from NewPath Networks to install two remote antennas in the Bellasera community.

A highest-ever total of 190 ballots was cast for the 4 open positions on the Board of Directors. Anne Chernis, Susan Loiselle, and Mike Simpson were each elected to serve a two-year term. Bruce Martin's name appeared on the ballot, but was later removed from consideration due to late filing.

Monday, May 31, please join your neighbors at the 2nd annual Memorial Day bar-b-q event, 4 p.m. In lieu of a potluck, we are requesting a \$10 per person reservation. Payments to be received at the event. We will also be honoring those who served and are serving in our armed forces. We look forward to seeing you!

Bill Ingler has lived in Bellasera with his wife Nancy for more than 10 years and, based on the fact that he has accumulated more than 6,000 hours flying KC-97 and KC-135 Air Force tankers, one would conclude that flying was his first passion. This is not necessarily true.

Bellasera's own Barry Kluger has written a book, "A Life Undone: A Father's Journey Through Loss," about the tragic loss of his daughter, Erica, in a car accident here in Arizona.

MAY 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Bellasera Community Association was held on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bellasera clubhouse. A quorum was established by more than 166 mail-in ballots and we thank the many residents who attended in person. The two candidates for open Board positions, Guy Yates and Kirk Rimsnider were elected to new two-year terms. At the Board meeting following Annual Meeting, the following Officers were elected: Richard Hoffman—President; Guy Yates—Vice President; David Reid—Treasurer; Kirk Rimsnider—Secretary; Craig Johnson—Director.

Long-time Bellasera resident Don Bowman passed away April 22 at age 78 following a diagnosis of leukemia. Don volunteered his time and talents in Bellasera, serving for many years as the leader of the community's Hiking Group. He was instrumental in the planning and execution of our recently opened Lone Mountain hiking trail. He served on the Budget & Finance Committee for a long time, providing expert analysis of the Reserve Fund which greatly benefited both Budget & Finance as well as Buildings & Grounds committees.

Please do not put poison out for the mice. The mice eat the poison, and the owls eat the mice. We have lost two owls in the span of 3 weeks in March. There were no outward signs of injury. A couple of years ago when a female Great Horned Owl died, the owl rescue people came out to retrieve her and her 3 eggs (too late for the eggs). They said most owls die from eating mice who have ingested poison. There are other ways to address a mice problem, if you have one. Check the Internet for suggestions.

The View Fence Painting Program. As a result of the tireless efforts of our many resident volunteers and management staff, the program was a resounding success with only minor glitches in its implementation. We will apply the lessons learned to the next view fence painting four years from now – we are on a five-year cycle.

New Lone Mountain Trail. A new hiking trail at the north end of Balao Drive connects with the existing trail to the summit of Lone Mountain was officially opened on February 7 at a ceremony attended by many residents. This was a project more than a year in the making as we negotiated the legal and practical hurdles to making this new community amenity a reality.

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Introducing...Ike Ironwood, Hard-boiled Bellasera Private Detective

The name is Ironwood. I'm a private investigator. Bellasera is my beat. The usual P.I. stuff mostly: infidelity, missing persons, lost golf clubs. It's all in a days work. People have questions, I look for answers. I haven't had a case for awhile. Between jobs I clean my gun. Then I clean it again. After awhile, just to break the monotony a little, I clean my gun. Trying hard not to sink into a morose funk, I shout out to my secretary; "Marge! Coffee! Hot, black and made this week!" I hear some mumbling in the next room. Marge doesn't make very good coffee. But then, after five years I'm still not sure just what Marge is good at.

I open the drawer on the right side of my desk, reach in and pull out a thick bundle of notes and letters held together with a wide rubber band. On top is her card. I pull it out and run my index finger over the worn edges. I remember how she had walked into my office one cold, blustery February afternoon. She was beautiful and she had been crying. A lot.

to be continued

IT'S A DOG'S WORLD!



Brooklyn & Kacey, the girls who run the Maureen & Blair Pyle household.



May In the Garden

by Joe McDade

A Taste Of Summer....Who Turned The Heat On?

As April came to a close, our weather went south and rudely interrupted a magnificent month as we got an early first taste of summer which normally takes place in May. So, we need to start thinking summer! Some of our residents, who would normally be making preparations to return to summer haunts, may be forced to delay their annual migration due to the Covid-19.

Hence, this may be an unfamiliar experience.

With Summer in Sight... Get in Step!

May is always an important month for your garden as the spring blooming season will come to an end and temperatures will begin to increase mandating that you pay attention to some ***care, maintenance, and upkeep tasks***, which I've listed below, paying special attention to ***trees, succulents and watering***. There is still an open window for some ***selective planting*** which I'll also cover.

Maintenance

Trees- May is a good time to pay attention to your trees. Specifically:

- Pruning**- If you haven't already done so, lightly prune desert legumes (like palo verde or mesquite) removing dead limbs and small crossing branches. Delay hard-pruning until later in the summer as it will encourage a heavy regrowth which will make them unstable and prone to toppling over during monsoon season.

- Stakes**- If you added stakes to trees that you planted in the fall, it is time to take them away. Expect the tree to lean at first, especially if it is small, but, as it gains strength, it will correct itself quickly

- Watering**- Increase the watering of newly planted or young trees to maintain a watering depth of 3 feet. This may mean watering once a week if the temperatures are already hot or, if the soil drains quickly. (more on watering below)

Mulch For Summer-Layer 3 to 4 inches of organic matter (compost, bark chips, shredded leaves) around the bases of plants and on the tops of containers and garden beds. Mulch maintains soil moisture, reduces soil temperature and inhibits weeds. As mulch breaks down, it releases nutrients into the soil.

Citrus- if you haven't already applied the second application of citrus fertilizer, be sure and do it this month. Fertilize with one-third of the tree's total annual nitrogen requirement. Water to a depth of 3 feet immediately after application. Don't worry about fruit drop. Citrus trees set more fruit than they can bear to maturity and shed the excess.

Roses- Continue fertilizing established roses, liquid fertilizers can be added at 2 week intervals, follow the directions on the container.

Fertilization- Most native and desert-adapted plants in the landscape do not generally require fertilizer as they are adapted to our soil conditions. In most cases, fertilizers are generally applied to prevent deficiencies. If fertilizers are needed, one application for the year is usually sufficient. If you did not

fertilize in March or in April, go ahead and fertilize your landscape plants if necessary. However, it is recommended to fertilize your landscape plants the early part of May.

Watering

OK, time for my annual “welcome to summer” treatise. May is the traditional month to raise your awareness to watering and let’s start with a few basic reminders. Be sure that your drip system is activated and in good working condition. It’s important to adjust your watering habits now that the heat has arrived and continue to adjust as we warm up. It is recommended that you:

- Water in the mornings, not during the heat of the day or evenings.
- Water slowly and deeply to get to the thirsty roots.

Your soil should be moist several inches below the surface. Remember that plants in pots need more water than those in the ground as soil dries out faster in containers.

Observe plants regularly for signs of water stress. Some signs to look for include: wilting, curling leaves, yellowing or falling of older leaves, and dead stems or branches.

The amount of water and watering frequency depends on many factors. These include: soil type, weather (temperature, humidity, rainfall, etc.), microclimates, plant size and species, and whether newly planted or established in the landscape (two years or more). I’ll attempt to cover this topic every month.

What to Plant

Succulents: May through the summer is the perfect time to plant warm season succulents.

Reminder#1: Many plant families make up the succulent species, the best known being cactus. Virtually all cacti (or cactuses) are succulents, but many succulents are not cactus.

When transplanting cacti and succulents, mark either the south or west side and plant facing the orientation you marked to avoid the burning of tender tissues. Most nurseries will mark the side of the container to help you determine proper planting orientation. However, if the original orientation is not known, newly planted cacti and succulents need to be covered with shade cloth if the plant surface appears to yellow or pale suddenly. Use a shade cloth rated between 30-60% as anything higher will block most of the sunlight and will not be suitable for your cacti and succulents. You may need to keep the shade cloth on the plant for the duration of the summer.

Reminder #2: Wait a week after planting your cacti and succulents before watering to minimize the chance of rot. After the initial irrigation of your succulents, allow the soil to dry out and water every 10-14 days. Cacti need to be watered once more after initial watering during the month, but allow the soil to dry out between watering.

Ocotillo Plant your Ocotillo from March through May as these are the ideal months to achieve greater transplanting success. This is a woody shrub, not a cactus and therefore is not a succulent plant and should not be treated as such. Most mature Ocotillos found in nurseries have been salvaged directly from the desert.

Warm-Season Vegetables- A variety can be sowed from seeds including cantaloupe, okra, black-eyed peas, Tran Armenian cucumbers, and yard long beans. You can also transplant sweet potatoes and Jerusalem artichokes. Note: Okra is in the same family as hibiscus and hollyhock and tall-growing okra (3-6 feet tall) produces large lobed leaves and hibiscus-like flowers, which add beauty to summer vegetable gardens.

A Corridor of Yellow Accompanied by Lavender & Pink

During May, our beautiful Bellasera landscape will be awash in a corridor of yellow as our Palo Verde trees transition into full bloom. This explosion of color will soon be followed by our Ironwoods which will give off their beautiful lavender-pink blossoms. Of course there is a price to pay for this, the

blossoms fall off, to be followed by the seed pods!

As mentioned last month, our community is widely populated with **Palo Verdes** (the desert “bean” tree) and, during May, their bloom will reach its peak. There are four species of green-barked trees:

● **Blue palo verde** ● **Foothills palo verde** ● **Mexican palo verde** ● **Palo Brea**.

Once pollinated, the yellow flowers will produce edible beans and, as they begin to open, their yellow to creamy blooms will create **corridors of yellow** throughout our community. The first to bloom will be the **Blue palo verdes** followed by the **Foothills palo verdes**, about two weeks later. The **Mexican palo verdes** bloom as the Foothills are finishing and can bloom through August.

Landscape by Design

It should be pointed out that our beautiful landscaped streets are not by accident. When Bellasera was developed, all of the native trees were saved and redistributed to each home lot, primarily palo verdes along with some mesquite and ironwood. Note: If you have lost a tree or have one that’s dying, May is an excellent month to replace it.

Saving Seeds of Cool-Season Annuals

As your cool-season annuals dry and go to seed, try saving their seeds. Follow these steps:

- As seeds begin to drop naturally, hold a paper bag or container beneath the dry seeds and tap them into it. Or, if you really have time on your hands, tie a paper bag over flower heads to catch falling seeds.
- Punch a few holes in the bag to allow air circulation. Collect seeds on dry, sunny days.
- Remove any stems or leaves before storing in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

Desert Observations and Musing for May

Saguaro- The iconic Saguaro will soon start blooming. The Saguaro flowers open in the evening and will remain open throughout the following day. Many animals and insects are attracted to the white, fruit-scented flowers.

Spring-Blooming Perennials- Penstemons , Brittlebush Globemallow Fleabane, and Golden Columbine will be producing seed. Allow them to produce seed before pruning spent flowering stems. The seed is a valuable food source for many animals

Ocotillo- This native, deciduous shrub has been putting on quite a show with its spectacular fiery red flower clusters throughout our community and surrounding areas. They can be especially lavish during this first bloom cycle of spring.

Butterflies- it’s that time of year when beautiful black and yellow swallowtail butterflies may be seen around citrus. They lay eggs on fresh citrus leaves that hatch into “orange dog” caterpillars. These gray, brown, and white mottled caterpillars resemble bird droppings. They will eat only a few leaves, therefore no control is necessary.

Ever wonder why desert plants, especially palo verde trees, have such tiny leaves compared to broad leaf trees such as maples and eastern oaks?

That trait is called microphyly and the Foothills palo verde is the extreme example. Desert plants must maintain an internal temperature of less than 115 degrees Fahrenheit to survive. The size of their leaves helps them do that. A group of many small leaves has a larger surface area than a single large leaf of equal volume. This large surface area helps the plants lose heat by radiation. Also, in the wind, a large leaf will tend to develop a boundary layer of stagnant air. With small leaves, the boundary layer air does not develop, so the leaves can radiate heat without transpiration, even in relatively calm air. And, by the way, the Palo Verde is the Arizona State Tree.

MOTHER'S DAY- MAY 10: It is always the second Sunday in May. In the U.S.A., Hallmark began producing Mother' Day cards in the early 1920's.

ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 16. Celebrated on the third Saturday in May, thanks to President Harry Truman. It's a day to pay special tribute to the men and women in the Armed Forces.

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25. Honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military.

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





Bellasera Community Association

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Weather: **weather.azbellasera.org**

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

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-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*

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