

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Clubhouse Corner

By Richard Hoffman, Board President

Update Regarding Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Bellasera homeowners will be held on a June Sunday afternoon at **2:00 p.m.** The exact date will be announced following our next Board meeting in early May. This will be a *hybrid* Annual Meeting. Those able to attend in person are welcome on the clubhouse patio. The meeting will also be broadcast online via a Zoom webinar for those homeowners unable to attend in person.

All homeowners will be provided an 'invitation' and specific log-in instructions via an e-blast in the week prior to meeting date, if they choose to view the Annual Meeting via the Zoom platform. Online homeowner participants will be able to view and hear the Board members and homeowners attending in person. Homeowners attending via Zoom will not be able to speak but are instead asked to use the Question and Chat features of the Zoom platform to address questions to the Board. The Board will also attempt to answer questions previously submitted in writing.

The Annual Meeting presents an opportunity for homeowners to have their questions and concerns regarding the Bellasera Community, its maintenance, activities, and finances answered and addressed in an open forum.

Survey Results for Proposed Capital Contribution Fee

The results of the survey of Bellasera homeowners regarding a proposed Capital Contribution Fee on home sales in Bellasera have now been tallied. We received more than 210 responses, with more than 80% in favor. Many respondents raised legitimate questions and concerns which will need to be addressed before the Board considers officially moving forward with any such proposal.

There will be a brief presentation on this topic at the upcoming Annual Meeting. We will also be scheduling several community-wide meetings to specifically discuss this issue prior to making any decision to move forward.

The winner of the Starbucks gift card is **Matthew Ricks** who lives on Corva Drive.

Bellaser Community Events

Bellaser Water Aerobics now begins at **10 a.m.** on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Participants will be using both swim lanes from 10 to 11 a.m.

Book Club: Our May selection is *"The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto"* by **Mitch Albom**. Since some of us will be scattering for the summer, we will meet a week earlier on **Wednesday, May 19** by the pool at **noon**.
kkmoore40@yahoo.com.

Bellaser Yoga Continues: Outdoor Yoga on **Saturdays** at **9 a.m.** continues. Zoom sessions also continue on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** at **9 a.m.** Weekly video recordings of the classes are also being provided. If you are interested in being added to the Zoom invitation list, and/or would like to receive a weekly class recording, please contact **Joy, joy.blonstein@gmail.com**. Classes and recordings are \$7 per class. Yoga packages (10 classes for \$63) can also be purchased. Any remaining classes that you have already purchased may be applied to these classes.

Web Site Search: Bellaser's web site, **azbellaser.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: **azbellaser.org.rain** After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.



Photograph by Sandy Simmons

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Tuesday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 18 at 1 p.m.**

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

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m.**

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: **95 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **50 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.02 inches**

Rainfall this year: **2.95 inches**

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

According to the National Weather Service in Phoenix, we had more windy days this Spring than any year since 1984.

Bellasera Weather at a Touch: A free app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android phone. Provides instant Bellasera weather information at a touch. This app is available in the Apple App Store or Google play. In the App Store or Google play, 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"

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 24**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, June 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.**

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ Pickelball Open play - 8 am Outdoor Yoga - 9 am
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WHEN A SNAKE IS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA

If you or someone else is bitten by a poisonous snake, call 911 immediately. Observe the reptile at a distance (at least 6 feet) and try to identify what type of snake it is. Do not try to kill or capture the snake yourself.

If you or your pet is not in danger, leave the snake alone and allow it to make its way back into the desert.

If the snake is in your yard, and you are not comfortable waiting for it to return to its normal habitat, the Phoenix **(602-550-1090)** and Arizona **(480-894-1625)** Herpetological Associations are volunteer organizations that can relocate the snake.

If you are in an undeveloped area, such as the desert or a park, leave the animal alone. Restrain your pet until the snake moves on. Warn others in the area.

If the snake is determined to be poisonous and it is located inside your home or garage, or at the entrance to your home, call the fire department's non-emergency number at **480-312-8911**. Be sure to watch the snake's movement, as it cannot be relocated if it cannot be found.

THANK YOU DOG OWNERS

Thank you for using ***your trash can***, instead of your neighbor's or our NAOS, to dispose of your dog waste bag.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction has commenced on a new residence located adjacent to the Bellasera community. As covered in the April 2021 Bellasera Neighborhood News, the home is being constructed on a 12-acre parcel of land located at the end of North 78th Place. The land was held by the family that sold the property that would become Bellasera and is now being developed.

The new property owners are constructing an approximately 5,400 square foot residence. They will be required to pay the quarterly association fee but will be limited in their use of the Bellasera facilities. Again, this was very well covered in the article submitted by Board President **Richard Hoffman** and included in the April newsletter.



REAR VIEW - A HISTORY OF BELLASERA

MAY 2006

All residents of Bellasera acknowledge with appreciation and gratitude the contribution of retiring Board members Mike Simpson and Paul Broad. And Carol Sotnick, who resigned for health reasons. Through their many hours of volunteer work, they all helped make our community a better place to live.

At the Bellasera Community Association Annual Meeting on April 6, three new Board members were elected. They are: Shawn Meyer, Chuck Roach, and Bob Shriver. They join current member Bruce Martin. Following the resignation of Carol Sotnick, Dennis Noone applied for the open position and was appointed to the Board at their April 24 meeting.

A nice trail, part of the City of Scottsdale System, is now completed from Bellasera to the Summit Shopping Center. Enter the trail just across the road from the Bellasera entrance on Lone Mountain Road. Heading west, then north, the trail follows the perimeter around Whisper Rock Estates, and later, the Solstice development, just south of the shopping center. Just a bit over a mile hike, to all the shops and eating spots at the Summit.

MAY 2011

On Sunday, April 25, the 93 Bellasera Community Association members who gathered on the clubhouse patio in 88 degree heat were rewarded with good news. Board Treasurer Ted Dixon informed the assembled that the Association's quarterly dues in the coming year would remain at the same level as the past two years -- \$520/quarter.

Outgoing Board President Dennis Carson fielded questions that were submitted in writing, and from the audience on the patio. Subjects covered included: delinquent accounts; suggestion to call homeowner prior to mailing violation; guests using the clubhouse facilities; cutoff of funding for the Social Committee; gate transponder tracking; new resident welcome; and cell phone coverage.

Easter Day around 6:00 p.m. we witnessed a family of four deer behind our house (we back up to the Lone Mountain preserve). It looked like they were trying to get to our pool as they were walking along side our fence staring at the water. When we went outside to take a photo, they scampered off into the preserve. It was an amazing site and one that makes us realize how privileged we are to live here. -- Ramona & Daniel Visconti

MAY 2016

The Bellasera community expresses its condolences to the family and friends of resident Kenneth Wagner, who passed away recently following a diagnosis of lymphoma.

The married couple Karen Trisko & Bob Montgomery are making their Visao Drive home livable after moving here in late March from Castle Rock, Colorado. Like so many of us they wanted warm weather yearround.

Dan and Catie Barron just moved to their home on Visao Drive from Chicago in the past weeks. They're busy unpacking and putting things away, and will accept volunteers to help with the task!

Bob and Kathy Porter, new residents on 74th Way, have visited family in the Scottsdale area for over 30 years, and now proud to be new home owners in the Bellasera community. They have been actively searching the Scottsdale area for the past 2 years, looking for that perfect second home.

Jeff & Kendall Jones just purchased their home on Balao Drive in March 2016. They're from South Dakota and this is a second home for them.



May In the Garden

by Joe McDade

Right On Schedule... Our Community And Gardens Transition To Summer!

With the exception of some spikes in the temperature, April provided us with some beautiful weather, especially the latter half of the month. And, to top things off, we got a taste of rain near the end. The beautiful weather we experienced belies the fact that May transitions, albeit gradually (hopefully), into summer. During April, we didn't see any days over 100°F in Bellasera but will most assuredly experience them during May which can usually be guaranteed to be clear, dry and hot. Our community will also transition to its "summer size" as our winter residents return to their summer haunts.

This is an important month for your garden as the spring blooming season will come to an end and temperatures 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** and **succulents**. There is still an open window for some selective planting which I'll also cover.

Trees

During May, we will experience an explosion of yellow blooms creating a **Corridor of Yellow** along our streets which, as I've pointed out in previous columns, is not by accident, but by design. 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. For your **healthy trees**, consider the following:

- **Pruning**- 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. For mature trees, watering should not be necessary as we have had ample winter rain to sustain them. If we have an exceptionally dry summer, then watering mature trees should be reconsidered.

Note***If you have lost a tree or have one that's dying, May is an excellent month to replace it.

Succulents – Care and Planting

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. Since May through the summer is the perfect time to plant warm season succulents, I'll give you some general planting and maintenance guidelines.



hedgehog cactus



hedgehog cactus

Planting - Newly planted **succulents**, regardless of size or type, may need to be shaded during the first summer to prevent sunburn. This can be accomplished by:

1. Planting near a tree, shrub, or building does not prevent enough shade to provide the necessary shade or,
2. Drape shade cloth with at least 30% coverage on a frame over the plant.

There is always room for a few more cacti in your landscape. Cactus breeders have hybridized varieties of **hedgehog** cacti to bloom in just about every color of the rainbow. When you buy **cactus**, notice which side of the pot is facing south

in the nursery. Mark that side and, when you replant the cactus in your garden, be sure it is oriented to the sun the same way.

Water Stress -Cactus have large reservoirs of moisture in the stems but can still become water stressed and display the following symptoms:

- Skin that is soft to the touch and offers resistance to gentle pressure.
- Shrinking distance between the ribs of columnar cactus (if you can't put your finger between the ribs, the plant is desperate for water).
- Yellowing or paleness of the skin, especially on the south or western side.
- Wilting, drooping, or falling pads on prickly pear.
- Shriveling or shrinking of the skin.

These symptoms show up only when the plant is deeply stressed. Water frequently enough to avoid these symptoms. If they do appear, water immediately and adjust the watering schedule. **Aloes**, especially those that form extensive colonies, can be overgrown if not kept divided regularly. To properly divide them, cut out the plants along the edge until you have reduced the size of the colony by at least half or even more which is fine.

Watering

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.

Watering amount and frequency depends on many factors notably: 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 cover this topic every month until cool weather returns.

Summer Annuals

If you haven't already replaced your winter flowers, I'm sure our recent temperatures have put a halt to the blooms and, whatever was left in your pots, may be starting to wilt. All of our local nurseries still have an excellent selection of "summer replacements" such as Vinca or Zinnia which will go a long way in brightening up your patio or courtyard. Remember to choose something that can be easily maintained and keep in mind that watering demands for



vinca



zinna

flowers are different than your drought tolerant plants.

Miscellaneous/Maintenance/Planting

Citrus- May is the month for the second application of citrus fertilizer. 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.

Prune Winter Blooming Shrubs- Emu bush, cassia, salvia and natal plum should be pruned early in the month to keep from getting leggy. Cut back brittle bush to 6 inch stems. Remove spent flower stalks from hesperaloes and penstemons.

Spread Mulch -Layer 3 to 4 inches of organic mulch (any combination of chipped matter, compost, leaves or well-aged manure) on top of garden beds or around the bases of landscape plants. Mulch maintains soil moisture, inhibits weeds and adds nutrients as it decomposes. Mulch also reduces soil temperatures, helping roots stay cool and less stressed during summer.

Vegetables-Sow warm-season Armenian cucumbers, black-eyed peas, cantaloupe, okra and yard long beans. Transplant sweet potatoes.

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

Herbs- Maximize the flavors and aromas of herbs by harvesting them in the early-morning hours after dew has evaporated but before the sun heats up.

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.

Citrus Tree –Consider planting a *miniature* lemon or lime tree (in your backyard of course). May is an excellent month to add any desert adapted or native tree.

Ocotillo -Plant your Ocotillo from March through May as these are the ideal months to achieve greater transplanting success. This is a woody shrub and should not be treated as a succulent. Nurseries will have mature ones salvaged from the desert.

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 as May is an ideal month for this task.

May Bloomers

In addition to our Palo Verde trees, there are a multitude of May bloomers to look forward including:

Saguaro- The iconic Saguaro will soon sprout their flowers, opening up in the evening and remaining open throughout the following day. Many animals and insects are attracted to the white, fruit-scented flowers

Ironwood Trees- The Ironwood will produce blush pink to white, pea-like flowers that are also sweetly scented and attractive to many animals and insects.

Ocotillo- This native, deciduous shrub is putting on quite a show right now 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.

Have You Ever?

Saved seeds- If you haven't, here's how:

- Allow flowers of cool-season annuals to dry and go to seed.
- As seeds begin to drop naturally, hold a paper bag or container beneath the dry seeds and tap them into it. Or, 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.
- If seeds are exposed to moisture, spread them on newspaper to dry for a week.
- Remove any stems or leaves before storing in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

Special Days in May

Mother's Day- May 09 - It is always the second Sunday in May. In the U.S.A., Hallmark began producing Mother's Day cards in the early 1920's.

Armed Forces Day - May 15 - 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 31 - Honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military.

\$\$\$\$\$ Tax Day, May 17. \$\$\$\$\$

Kentucky Derby, May 1 - America's Greatest Race" and the fastest two minutes in sports. This year's favorite is Essential Quality.

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

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

For Sale: 5 seat sectional couch, 88"x93" modern, grey color, microfiber. Hardly used; like new condition, \$395. Dining table and 6 chairs, like new, \$595. **Maya, 480-450-5354.**

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services exclusively serving Bellasera residents. Owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents, we are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring. Licensed and insured we provide visual inspections of the interior and exterior of your home. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** or e-mail, **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

Have you considered how automated sun screens on your patio will extend your outdoor living experience? My company, Array Shutters & Blinds, offers automated patio shades. plus a full line of custom shutters, and Hunter Douglas products. As a Bellasera homeowner, you will receive a Friends and Family Discount. **Mike Alldredge, 602-677-2779**

I love living in Bellasera! Local expertise, proven track record, full service client experience and authenticity - call on me for all your real estate needs. Here is what one satisfied seller had to say: "Audrey was great to work with and provided exceptional service. She was always prompt, prepared and knowledgeable. Detail-oriented, prompt, professional. Enjoyed our experience working with her." - A.L. **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor, International Diamond Society – **Coldwell Banker Realty, 480-740-4223, audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

For Sale: Yakima Skybox Car/SUV Topper. 16 CF capacity. Opens on both sides. Very good condition. \$400. **Dan Pace , 620-727-5667.**

I collect old stock and bond certificates. If you have any that you are willing to give away or sell I would be interested in speaking with you and possibly making an offer. Also happy to give you a strictly amateur estimate of value. E-mail inquires only please, **fordsimm@gmail.com**

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.

Effective February 1 all new or renewal classified ads must be 75 words or less. Ads will run for 3 months and may be renewed upon request. Editor reserves the right to edit all ads submitted.



Bellasera Community Association

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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. - 5 p.m.

Web Site: **azbellasera.org**

Weather: **weather.azbellasera.org**

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

Community Manager: **Pamela Nunnelly (manager@azbellasera.org)**

-Office Hours-

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 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

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