

# BELLASERA

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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*In November, the earth is growing  
quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed  
for flowers and small creatures. The  
bed is white and silent, and much life  
can hide beneath its blankets.*

Cynthia Rylant



November - 2021



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# Clubhouse Corner

## Capital Reserve Fund Fee Adopted

Beginning with the Annual Meeting of the Bellasera Community Association this past June, the Board took affirmative steps to move forward with a proposal to amend our CC&Rs to impose a new Capital Reserve Fund Fee, equal to one year's assessments, upon new Buyers of Bellasera homes beginning January 1, 2022. The new Capital Reserve Fund Fee is designed to take the place of the interest that we previously had earned on our Reserve funds and would be collected from the BUYER of a Bellasera home at the time of closing and deposited directly into Bellasera's Reserve accounts.

A solicitation to vote on the proposed Amendment was sent to each homeowner and there were several community meetings/presentations held over the ensuing months to discuss the proposed Amendment and to respond to homeowner questions and concerns. Voting on the proposed Amendment closed on October 31. For the Amendment to be effective it had to receive more than 67% of the total eligible homeowner votes – or more than 242 yes votes. We are pleased to report that the proposed Amendment did receive more than 254 positive votes and is therefore adopted. Once recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder, the final Amendment will be posted on the Bellasera website.

To reiterate, the Amendment is effective to impose a new Capital Reserve Fund Fee upon Buyers of Homes in Bellasera that close on or after January 1, 2022. Should current homeowners elect to sell their home in Bellasera with a closing date after December 31, 2021, you may find it beneficial to advise the real estate professionals you work with of the passage of this new fee. Their assistance in preparing the HOA Addendum, Seller Disclosure form (SPDS) and MLS HOA Input Information along with working with the Title (Escrow) company, may help to make your closing a smoother experience.

**Richard Hoffman**, Board President  
**Dennis Soeffner**, Board Secretary

# BELLASERA COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Hidden in the Hills to Feature Jewelry by Bellasera Artist:** Arizona's largest and longest-running artist studio tour, Hidden in the Hills, takes place during the last two weekends of November, **Friday through Sunday, November 19-21, and November 26-28**. Now in its 25th year, this signature event of the non-profit Sonoran Arts League features 192 artists in 45 studio locations throughout the communities of Cave Creek, Carefree and North Scottsdale.

The free, self-guided studio tour offers seasoned collectors and art enthusiasts a rare chance to observe artists at work in their private studios. Studios will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the six-day tour.

**Shelly Taylor**, a Bellasera resident, will again exhibit and sell her jewelry at Bela Fidel Fine Art Studio in Scottsdale (studio #28 on the tour). Taylor specializes in beaded kumihimo and bead-woven jewelry. Studio #28 is hosted by acclaimed abstract painter, **Bela Fidel**, and is located at 33401 N. 56th Street, Building #200, just south of Carefree Highway. Other guest artists at the studio this year include ceramics and mixed media artist **Sherri Congrove**, fiber and mixed media artist **Andrea Cook**, and glass and mixed media artist **Brian Willis**.

Art enthusiasts can find details about participating artists, download the event directory, and custom-build their own studio tour map at **[www.HiddenInTheHills.org](http://www.HiddenInTheHills.org)**.

**Bellasera Wine and Cheese:** Once again, we will not have a Wine and Cheese event in November. Our current plan is to restart the Wine and Cheese in December on **Friday, December 17**. This is an extremely popular event, and it's a great way for us to meet and greet our neighbors. More details to follow in the December newsletter. Also, we are looking for people to host future Wine and Cheese events at their home or at the clubhouse. We normally have done the Wine and Cheese events on the 3rd Friday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. However, occasionally it has fallen to the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month. If you are willing to be a host, please contact **Tom** or **Dianna Saari**, [tksaari@aol.com](mailto:tksaari@aol.com), 408-218-5424.

**Bellasera Library:** Thank you to all the kind and generous people who have donated books and puzzles to our Community Library. (Sometimes, those current best sellers "fly off" the shelf the very next day!) And, I've noticed more folks browsing through the books than ever before. Remember, there are even more (also alphabetized) in the cupboards. Thanks again Bellasera readers ... **Lena**

**Bellasera Book Club:** Because of Thanksgiving, we will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 17** at **noon** in the clubhouse. We will choose all our reading choices for the rest of the season. For questions contact **Karen Moore**, [kkmoore40@yahoo.com](mailto:kkmoore40@yahoo.com).



## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Tuesday, November 23** at **1:00 p.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 30** at **1:00 p.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 9** at **10:00 a.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, November 10** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 9** at **12:30 p.m.**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, November 4** at **12 noon.**

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### October Weather in Bellasera

(October 1 - October 30)

Highest Temperature: **95 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **44 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.05 inches**

Rainfall this year: **12.52 inches**

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

### 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" 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, November 1**, with the next pickup **Monday, December 6, 2021.** 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.**

# NOVEMBER 2021

## Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<sup>1</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>2</sup> Poker - 7 pm	<sup>3</sup> <u>Recycle pickup</u> Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>4</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	<sup>5</sup> <u>Trash pickup</u> Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>6</sup> Pickelball Open play - 8 am
<b>BULK PICK-UP WEEK</b>						
<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>9</sup> Poker - 7 pm Building & Grounds - 10 am Modifications - 12:20 pm	<sup>10</sup> <u>Recycle pickup</u> Communica- tions - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>11</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am 	<sup>12</sup> <u>Trash pickup</u> Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>13</sup> Pickelball Open play - 8 am
<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>16</sup> Poker - 7 pm	<sup>17</sup> <u>Recycle pickup</u> Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 11 am Book Club - noon	<sup>18</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	<sup>19</sup> <u>Trash pickup</u> Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>20</sup> Pickelball Open play - 8 am
<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>23</sup> Board Meeting - 1:00 pm Poker - 7 pm	<sup>24</sup> <u>Recycle pickup</u> Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>25</sup> 	<sup>26</sup> <u>Trash pickup</u> Water Aerobics - 11 am	<sup>27</sup> Pickelball Open play - 8 am
<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup> Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 11 am <b>HANUKKAH</b>	<sup>30</sup> Budget & Finance - 1 pm Poker - 7 pm				

## BELLASERA VETERANS

Paul Agranoff - U.S. Army, 1953-1955  
Mike Alldredge - U.S. Navy, 1972-1978  
Glenn Annexstad - U.S. Army, 1953-1954  
Walter Bleakney - U.S. Army, 1954-1956  
Phil Castrovinci - U.S. Navy, 1956-1957  
Keith Christian - U.S. Navy, 1968-1974  
Pat Clements - U.S. Army, 1980-2001  
Jim Coats - U.S. Marine Corps, 1967-1970  
Michael Culotta - U.S. Navy, 1965-1968  
Joel Erickson - U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1970-1976  
Jerry Factor - U.S. Army, 1961-1967  
Robert Farrington - U.S. Navy, 1956-1964  
Kurt Fischer - U.S. Army, 1986-1994  
Bob Gromko - U.S. Army, 1959-1965  
Steve Herling - U.S. Army, 1964-1967  
Joel Holmes - U.S. Army, 1968-1972  
William Ingler - U.S. Air Force, 1955-1985  
Charlie Johnson - U.S. Army, 1971-1973  
Ron Junier - U.S. Navy, 1966-1972  
Raymond Klodt - U.S. Army, 1965-1967  
Barbara Knutson - Army National Guard -  
Medical Service Corps, 1974-1996  
Alan Lang - U.S. Army, 1965-1967  
Dee Luse - U.S. Army, 1958-1962  
John Mattox - U.S. Army, 1966-1969  
Joe McDade - U.S. Navy, 1960-1965  
Gerald Meiliken - U.S. Army, 1953-1962  
John Moore - U.S. Army, 1970-1973  
Steve Padwe - U.S. Army, 1958-1962  
David Pepper - U.S. Air Force, 1978-1987  
Patricia Pepper - U.S. Navy, 1991-2019  
Anthony Perrotta - Army National Guard,  
1954-1957: U.S. Air Force, 1957-1961  
Bill Reitz - U.S. Army Reserve, 1970-1976  
Ray Rhodes - U.S. Army, 1972-1974  
John Richardson - U.S. Army, 1965-1990  
Paul Rippens - U.S. Navy, 1956-1963  
Chuck Roach - U.S. Army, 1966-1969  
Carlton Rooks - U.S. Army, 1959-1963  
Jerry Rose - U.S. Army, 1954-1957  
Mike Ruotolo - U.S. Army, 1958-1967  
Charles Schroeder - U.S. Army, 1955-1963  
Lawson Singer - U.S. Navy, 1944-1946  
Rick Stevens - U.S. Army, 1968-1974  
Ralph Vernacchia - U.S. Army, 1969-1971  
Vernon Veron, U.S. Navy, 1956-1959  
Dave Zumwalt, U.S. Marine Corps, 1958-1961

## Bellasera Rules Reminders

-Except as otherwise permitted within the fenced-in area designated as a Dog Park, all dogs must be continuously restrained on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length on all of Bellasera's Common Area (which includes sidewalks, streets and all NAOS), and no dog is permitted off leash on any Common Area.

-The west tennis court has been updated to allow dual use with the addition of two pickleball courts. The Bellasera pickleball group purchased portable nets. They can be rolled into place during pickleball play. Once play is complete the nets should be rolled against the court fences.

-Bicycles, roller blades, skateboards and any similar equipment are strictly prohibited from the tennis/pickleball/basketball courts or the areas around the courts.

-No talking on cell phones in the fitness center. Please keep voices low and conversations to a minimum, as a courtesy to others.

Source: Bellasera Community Guidelines ([azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org), "Policies" page)





# November in the Garden

by Joe Mc Dade

## Cool Nights, Short Days, And Colorful Surroundings!

Unlike the past few years, our October weather was somewhat delightful and provided excellent conditions for planting. As we start our transition into winter, weather conditions should become very pleasant providing us with an opportunity to truly enjoy and appreciate our surroundings. So, finish up your planting and enjoy!

## It's Rest Time for Your Garden... Enjoy Its Beauty and Prepare for Winter

Your garden looks forward to this month as our cool nights, short days and milder temperatures will provide a much needed rest now through January.

Plants actually move sugars and other energy, which has been manufactured all season by the leaves, into storage until needed next spring. With this change in season, you will need to make adjustments in how to care for your garden in preparation for winter. Also, let me remind you that our gardens in Bellasera don't go dark in the winter as they will exude plenty of color (with your help). As you drive through our community now, you can't help but notice the Lantana and Bougainvillea and other plants which are currently in full bloom.

## Winter Preparations

**Water Efficiently-** Plant requirements for moisture diminishes as weather cools and day length shortens. Cutting back on watering helps plants to transition into dormancy, thereby preparing them to resist freezing temperatures, and also lessens the likelihood of root rot from too-wet soil. So, you'll need to adjust irrigation timers to run less frequently.

**General Watering Guidelines-** Apply the same amount of water to soak through the entire root zone of a plant but not as frequently. In other words, reduce watering frequency, not time of watering. Follow the 1-2-3 Rule: Water should penetrate 1 foot deep for shallow-rooted plants (annuals, perennials, cacti, succulents); 2 feet deep for shrubs, and 3 feet deep for trees.

Remember, most of the Trees in Bellasera are mature and shouldn't require any watering. Some specific watering tips:

**Herbs-** Water established herbs once a week or less depending on the temperature.

**Vegetables-** Should be watered every three days.

**Desert Adapted Plants (established) -** Water every 14 to 30 days through December.

**Stop Feeding-** Do not fertilize roses or tropical landscape plants (i.e., bougainvillea, hibiscus), as fertilizer encourages tender new growth that is prone to frost damage.

**Weed Control-** As mentioned last month, pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter annual weed control. An alternative of course, is to utilize a vendor to provide this service.

**Cleanup-** It's time to clean up the entire garden. Pull weeds and take out spent annuals as well as vegetables which can harbor insects and diseases during the winter season.

**Avoid Frost Problems-** Now is the time to begin planning for frost events. Historically, the first freeze can occur as early as the November 15, although that hasn't happened in a while. However, you should stockpile old sheets and blankets in a handy location to cover cold-tender plants, along with flower and vegetable beds, if temperatures dip.

**Pruning-** Pruning is necessary for health and safety. Some guidelines:

**Trees-** Most trees are dormant by the end of this month. Avoid lion-tailing, which is excessive interior thinning. This forces the growth of branches outward, straining and weakening them.

**Deciduous trees** (those that lose their leaves) - Can be pruned now as it is easy to see flaws that need correcting, such as crossed branches.

**Palo Verde** - Avoid pruning in the winter.

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**Mesquites** - Should receive a light pruning now.

**Shrubs and Perennials** - Can be pruned now including:

• **Texas Ranger** • **Globe Mallow** • **Brittlebush**

Do **not** prune *Yellow Bells* or *Lantana*. Most herbs can be pruned this month.

### **Will Your Garden have Color This Winter?**

Although winter conditions will put your gardens to rest through January, you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs and include items that will brighten your garden for the winter and spring. Things might not look bad yet but, once the temperatures drop, most plants will be closing down and going dormant for the winter. If you'd like to add some color that blooms in the fall and winter as well as liven up your yard for the holidays, you can do it with the right plants. **Here are some good shrub options.**

**Barberry** – This shrub is evergreen and has yellow flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It makes a good informal hedge and attracts birds.

**Weeping Dalea** – This shrub has a spreading shape and is evergreen. It has purple clusters of flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring.

**Red Erempholia** – Rounded evergreen shrub with red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. This plant attracts hummingbirds.

**Chuparosa** – Sprawling plant that is semi-evergreen with orange to red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It attracts hummingbirds too.

**Red Justicia** – Sprawling evergreen shrub. It has bright red flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring. It can be used in containers.

**These shrubs will really add some extra color to your garden**

**Bulbine** – It forms small clumps to 18 inches tall by 2 to 3 feet across with fleshy bright-green leaves that look good all year around. Its flowers are a tall spike of small yellow blossoms.

**Indigo Bush** - This evergreen shrub has an open, rounded growth form to 5 feet tall and wide. Its delicate silver foliage provides a striking contrast to the masses of violet flowers produced in winter and early spring. Indigo bush is quite susceptible to over watering, so plant it in well-drained soil and be careful to not kill it with kindness. The nectar-rich blossoms attract bees and butterflies.

**Black Dalea** - This shrub blooms in late fall with masses of bright purple flowers. It is evergreen and forms a rounded mound of gray-green foliage to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. As with Indigo bush, it needs full sun and is very tolerant of reflected heat. The bees cover this shrub during the bloom season.

**Emu Bush** - Blooming on this shrub begins in January and is in full swing by Valentine's Day. The masses of tubular red flowers are truly spectacular. For the rest of the year, this evergreen shrub provides nice deep green foliage and a dense rounded form. Plant in full sun and allow it plenty of room as it can quickly grow to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. It is cold hardy to the mid-20s.

**Angelita Daisy** - This is one of the best perennials to plant for year round color. Although blooming slows down in winter months, it can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden. Its slender bright-green leaves can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden.



**Chuparosas**



**Black Dalea**



**Emu Bush**

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## Observations and Musings

**November 7th-** Clocks are turned back, except ours.

**Veterans Day- Monday, November 11.** This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice which ended World War I hostilities between Allied Nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services on this day in the U.S.

*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died.*

*Rather we should thank God that such men lived"..... George S. Patton*

**Thanksgiving Day-November 25.** It is a largely unique American holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a day to give thanks for all our blessings and to celebrate with family and friends.

*"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage".....Erma Bombeck*

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



### Sacred Datura

**This Beautiful, Mysterious, Mystical, Magical, Dangerous Plant  
Thrives in Bellasera**



**Janice Lewandowski**, a Bellasera resident discovered the Sacred Datura growing in one of our large washes within our NAOS. She provided a photo to which I sent to the Maricopa County Plant Hotline and they confirmed that it was a Sacred Datura. It is also known as Jimson weed, thorn apple, moon flower,

and several other names. I hiked down to the area and discovered that they are flourishing in that area of the wash with additional plants further upstream.

This night blooming plant is regarded as a perennial, deciduous herb by scientists. That means that it lives for at least three years. It loses its leaves in the winter. Its stems are not woody like those, for instance, of the various mesquite trees, the desert willows or the creosote bushes. Its bloom, exceptionally large for a desert plant, measures some six inches in length and three or four inches in width. Its walnut-sized, heavily spined fruit, once ripe, bursts open to scatter numerous kidney-shaped seeds.

The Sacred Datura, through its night-blooming flowers, evokes a feeling of mystery and has long been used as a portal to the spirit world, visions, hallucinations and witchcraft, dangerously so. With all of its tissues containing chemical compounds known as "alkaloids," ***the plant is poisonous and deadly.***

For centuries, it has many uses such as:

**Recreational-** for eons, it has been used in the East Indies, Greece, the Arabian countries, Asian countries, China, India and the Americas by mystics and sorcerers to induce hallucinations

**Medicinal-** Among the Zuni people the powdered root is given as an anesthetic and a narcotic for surgery. They also apply a poultice root and flower meal applied to wounds to promote healing. The Zuni used Datura as a way to render patients unconscious while broken bones were set.

**Religious/Ceremonial-** Native Americans (Chumash, Tongva, and others) have used it in ceremonies and rites of passage. Among the Chumash, when a boy was 8 years old, his mother gave him a preparation of *momoy* to drink. This was supposed to be a spiritual challenge to the boy to help him develop the spiritual well-being required to become a man. Not all of the boys survived.

The plants are currently not near any of our hiking trails, but keep a distance, especially with pets.

Bellaser a 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.

Caring Corps Charity in Carefree annual golf event fund raiser on **Monday, December 13** at Mirabel Golf Club. Sponsorships, donations, volunteers are needed. To help, go to **foothillscaringcorps.com**, or call **480-488-1105**.

Notary Services are available from a Bellaser a neighbor. Contact **ken@strobeck.com** or text **602-501-4989**.

**Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Service** exclusively for Bellaser a residents. Owned and operated by year-round Bellaser a 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 us at **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

I love living in Bellaser a! The market is still on fire. We are seeing record prices per square foot in Bellaser a with very favorable terms for sellers. Does your house need some work prior to sale? We have a program called REALVITALIZE. If you are interested in selling or just want an idea of what your home is worth, please call me!

**Audrey Fischer**, Realtor, International Diamond Society – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223** or **audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

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### LONE MOUNTAIN ROAD CLEANUP

Pictured are the Bellaser a residents who participated in the **Saturday, October 23** Lone Mountain Road Cleanup. Bellaser a's crew was one of 60 other groups in Scottsdale volunteering on the City-Wide Cleanup Day.

(l-r) **Sandy Simmons, Nancy DeMik, Randy DeMik, Jane Kiefhaber, Shawn Brown, Cheri Valuet, John Nielsen, Pat Nielsen.**

Thank you for your help in keeping Lone Mountain Roadway clean.

--photo by **Keith Christian**