

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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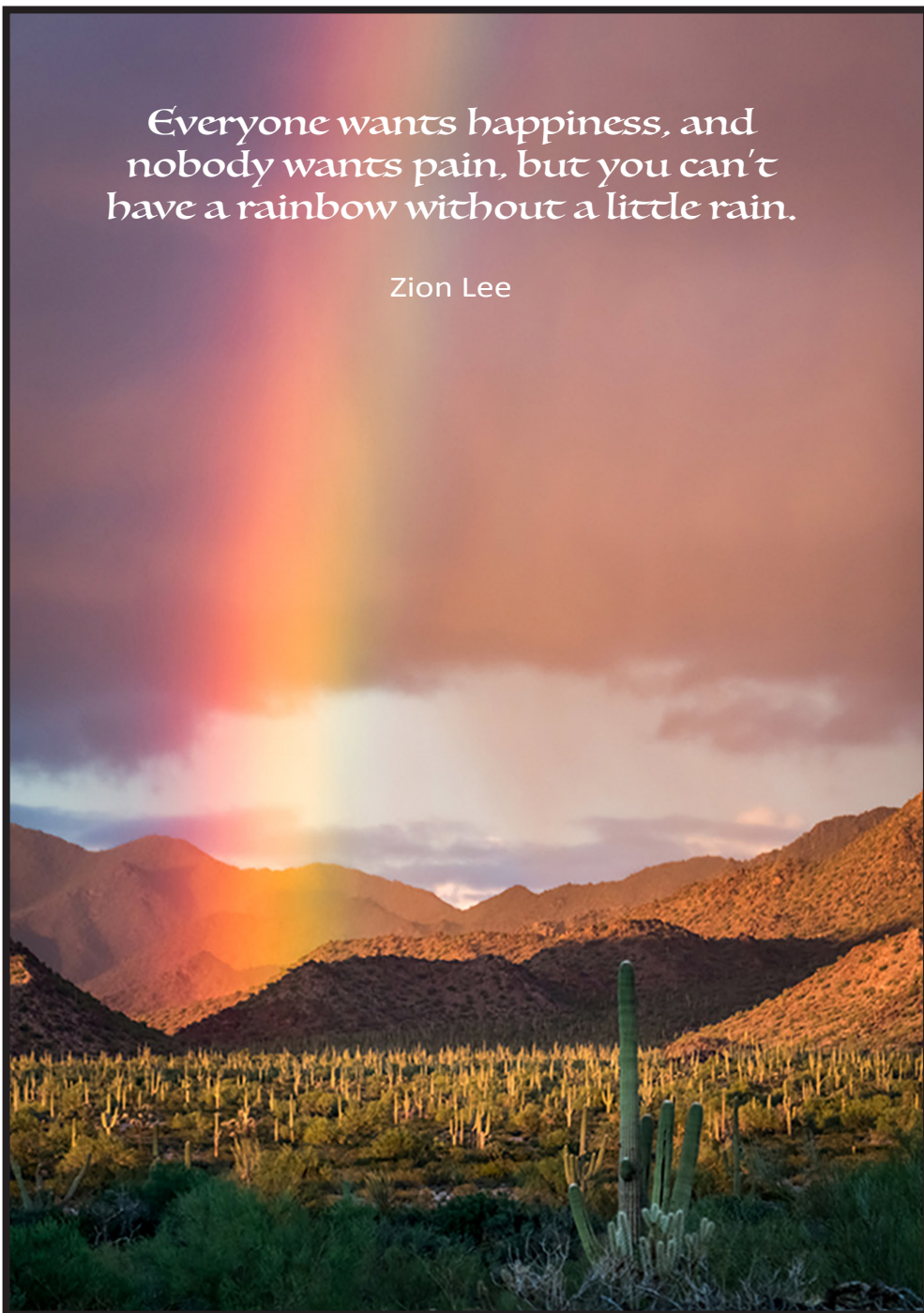
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

*Everyone wants happiness, and
nobody wants pain, but you can't
have a rainbow without a little rain.*

Zion Lee



July and August - 2022

Clubhouse Corner

by Richard Hoffman - Board President



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SUMMER IS HERE AND SO ARE THE SEED PODS

Following a heavier than normal flowering of our Palo Verde and Mesquite trees this Spring, Bellasera is now inundated with Palo Verde and Mesquite seed pods. Homeowners and residents are responsible to clear the seedpods from the sidewalks in front of their homes to maintain the appearance of the community and the safety of those sidewalks.

If you are removing seed pods from the sidewalks or your property, it is not permissible to sweep or blow them into the street. We also ask that you instruct your landscapers not to blow the seed pods into the NAOS area or the scupper drains in the street, but should simply be taken away.

Thank you for your cooperation.



BELLASERA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, July 13** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 26** and **Tuesday, August 23**. Both meetings begin at **1 p.m.** in the clubhouse.

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 12** and **Tuesday, August 9**. Both meetings begin at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 14** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 12 & August 9** if there are applications to consider.

Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **July 7 and August 4 at 12 noon**.

Book Club: Our members are looking forward to a summer of pleasurable reading so we will pick our own books and share them with the group in October.

Yoga: Bellasera yoga instructor **Joy** continues to offer Zoom classes, in addition to the clubhouse sessions Monday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m. You may contact her via e-mail, **joy.blonstein@gmail.com**.

Wine and Cheese Event: Due to summer vacations and such, we will not be having a Wine and Cheese Event in either July or August. Hope to see you all again in September. If anyone is interesting in hosting this event in September, please contact **Tom** or **Dianna Saari, tksaari@aol.com** or **disaari@aol.com**.

Water Aerobics will be discontinued for the summer, and will resume in the Fall.

Snake Removal: Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary, **602-550-1090**

July 2022

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Brush & Bulk Removal						
3	4 <i>4th of July Happy Birthday America</i>	5 Poker - 7:00 pm	6	7 Yoga - 8:30 am	8	9
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August 2022

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yoga - 8:30 am	2 Poker - 7:00 pm	3	4 Yoga - 8:30 am	5	6
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Weather and General Information

June Weather in Bellasera

(June 1 - June 30)

Highest Temperature: **110 degrees**

Lowest Temperature: **62 degrees**

Rainfall: **.05 inches**

Rainfall this year: **1.51 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: **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**

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, June 27 - July 1** and **August 1-5**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, August 29**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** It will be removed during the week. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

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

Bellasera Rules Reminders

The 3 documents below have recently been amended, revised and restated. Each is posted on our web site, **azbellasera.org**, on the indicated page.

On the "Forms" page, Bellasera Facilities Reservation Form has been revised.

On the "Policies" page, Bellasera Key Fob Rules and Bellasera Vehicular Transponder Rules have been amended and restated.

The installation of solar heating collection panels, or any generating devices that use solar electricity, may be approved by the Bellasera Modification Committee, only under specific conditions. The Property Owner shall make a written proposal to the BMC providing in detail the location, size, number of and orientation of equipment, finish materials and colors, etc., shall be visually screened from adjacent Lots and from the streets within Bellasera. All reviews will take into account and will be superseded by any or all Federal and/or Arizona law as it pertains to solar panels.

1. All swimming pools and/pool/spas shall be of the in-ground type, except that above ground spas may be permitted if the spa will be adequately screened from street view and the view of neighboring property, including Lots and Common Area.

2. All swimming pools, pool/spas and pool equipment shall be screened from street view and the view from neighboring property, including Lots and Common Area in the manner described in Article III, Section E(I).

3. All swimming pools and pool/spas shall be enclosed as required by applicable law.

4. Pool and spa drains must connect to the street. No pools can be drained onto open space or any other property.

The Owner shall supply the Modifications Committee with any landscape plan for his or her Lot prior to initiating any work on the landscape plan. The procedures for submitting and obtaining approval are set forth in Article II of these Design Guidelines.

(source: Bellasera Landscape And Architectural Design Guidelines, "Governing Documents" page, **azbellasera.org**)

Let's Keep Bellasera Beautiful

Bulk trash shall be placed in the trash pickup area no earlier than three days prior to the designated beginning day of the week specified for bulk pickup by the City of Scottsdale.

Please do not place small items that could possibly fit in a large trash bag out before the designated Friday. Instead place the this bag in the regular weekly Friday trash pickup.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gregg's Legacy

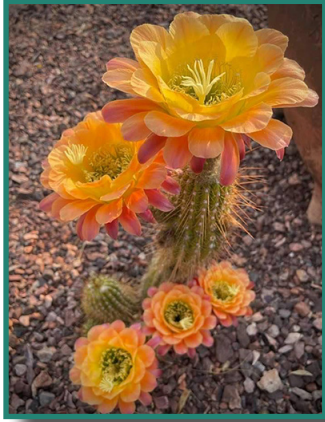
Bellaser residents using our Lone Mountain Trail have for-sure noticed a sign part way up the trail: **Gregg's Landing**.

It's recognition and appreciation for the leadership role the late **Gregg Ditto** (1953-2014) played in the long evolution of getting the trail built. He was a Board member and President during most of the long process of negotiation, funding and trail construction.



There were many others in our community involved, but **Gregg** was the prime mover. Regrettably he was not alive to see Board President **Richard Hoffman** cut the ribbon to open the trail on February 9, 2015.

Now you know the rest of the story.



July & August in the Garden

by Joe McDade

Summer Has Arrived....Time To Slowdown Change Is Underway, Help Your garden Cope

June provided a preview of the stress that summer puts on plants as it was true to form, hot and dry! As we head deep into summer, it's important to remember that gardening essentially comes to a standstill this month and into August, which means:

- Do not add any new plants.
- Don't fertilize plants (except flowering annuals, herbs, and vegetables).
- Avoid unnecessary pruning (more on this below).

This slowdown period is all part of a metamorphosis your garden has now started which will continue through the summer. It's alive and well but needs your help getting through our summer conditions!

The Monsoon Is Not Far Off...In The Meantime....Important Tasks Await You

From a garden perspective, July and August pair together perfectly as they have a common theme, coping with our summer heat. In June, we were given a preview of the monsoon (wind, clouds, sans rain) and the welcome relief from the heat it can bring to you and your garden. The heat will certainly continue into July and August but the arrival of the **monsoon** (we hope) will bring much needed moisture as well as relief. During July, humidity will continue to arrive from the Gulf of California which will bring us thunderstorms and blowing dust. In the meantime, there are a number of important tasks that will require your attention, with **watering** and **pruning**, especially native desert trees, at the top of the list along with a myriad of others that I'll attempt to cover below.



Watering

Last month I discussed **How Much** and **How Often** in some detail. I'd like to add to that with some useful (hopefully) tips:

Water in the Morning - Plants can uptake water more easily in the early morning as opposed to being watered during the day. During the heat of the day, plants have to devote much of their resources to handling the stress of the heat and cannot uptake water efficiently. Therefore, it's best to water early in the morning so that they are replenished with water and ready to face the excessive evaporation that will occur with temperatures over 115 degrees.

Provide Extra Water - Irrigate shrubs and groundcovers in the early morning hours for an extra 1/2

hour when temperatures are forecast over 115 degrees.

Landscape Plants

- Apply mulch to the ground around the base of heat sensitive plants to keep the roots cooler and prevent evaporation. Keep the mulch several inches away from the trunk.
- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.
- Late August or early September fertilization will benefit most plants struggling to have a flush of growth before slowing down for the winter. The growth put on before dormancy will store more energy during the winter that will be available to the plant when it pushes growth in the Spring.

Annual Flowers

If you have planted some annual flowers, they are more than likely in pots where soil temperatures heat up to triple digits causing roots to “cook” without adequate moisture. Containers in full sun often require daily water soaking through the soil and draining out the bottom of the pot with each application to prevent salt buildup, which can kill plants over time. The frequent watering needed in summer, unfortunately, also leaches nutrients out of the soil. Therefore, a slow-release or organic fertilizer is recommended as they are less likely to burn plant roots in the summer heat compared to a faster-acting chemical fertilizer.

Trees

Established native or desert-adapted trees should be watered at least once a month if no rainfall. If the temperature is over 108 degrees, water your native or desert-adapted trees at least twice during the month. Always allow soil to dry out between each irrigation cycle. Water at least 3 feet deep for your trees. ******In most years, we get enough winter and spring rainfall to obviate the need for watering trees.******

Citrus

If trees are water-stressed in summer, their rinds will crack and split later in the growing season. Rinds become tough without adequate moisture and cannot expand as the fruit swells. To avoid this, water mature citrus trees every 10 to 14 days in summer. Water young trees (in the ground 2 or less years) every 5 to 10 days. Apply water at the drip line (outer canopy edge), and move emitters or hoses outward as the canopy spreads. Water should soak 3 feet deep with each application for mature trees.

Suggestion: Soaking hoses work well.

Succulents

They are normally drought resistant. However, we're at that point in the summer where they too will succumb, especially to the high nighttime temperatures. When the night temperatures stay at 90° or above and the humidity is high, most succulent plants can't breathe. After several nights in a row, chances are many of them will rot. Other than careful watering, there is nothing that can be done. ****Remember, 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**.**

Native Tree Maintenance

Pruning - Summer is the recommended time to prune native desert trees because they are actively growing and can recover quickly. Things to consider before undertaking this task:

- Good pruning is both an art and a science.
- The result should be a safe, healthy and beautiful tree that complements its natural growth habit.
- If you prune your trees yourself, familiarize yourself with proper pruning principals and techniques. There is a lot of literature available, including the internet.
- If you hire someone to prune your trees, be sure they understand proper pruning principals and techniques.
- Remove no more than one-quarter of a tree's branches in a year. Cutting off too much foliage “starves” the plant by reducing its ability to synthesize and can leave it susceptible to disease.
- It's advisable to hold off any pruning for at least one year after planting. Two years is even better. If you allow as many branches as possible to survive, the tree will develop strength

and trunk girth. Keep in mind the longer you wait to prune your mesquites, the higher the risk of wind damage.

Miscellaneous

Fertilization - Do not fertilize until the weather cools.

Check your drip watering system. Verify the ground humidity around all plants. Check your drippers periodically to see if any popped out now that heat is making the hoses softer.

Roses - Cut back on fertilizing established roses to encourage plants to slow down for the hot summer. Water deeply as temperatures climb and hose off plants in the early morning to increase humidity and control spider mites.

Toward the end of August and into September add an iron supplement if roses show yellowing from iron deficiency.

Desert Observations

Desert Plants Fruits are Ripening, Which Means.... It's Bean Pod Time!

The fruits of many desert plants are continuing to ripen such as Prickly-pears and other cacti. In addition, Ironwood, Palo Verde and Mesquite trees are also loaded with fruit in the form of bean pods. These three native trees are certainly dominant in Bellasera as a good number of them were uprooted and saved during home construction in order to be replanted in your front yard. Of course these "fruits" result in a cleanup challenge exacerbated by our recent wind storms.

Note: There are four species of green-barked Palo Verde trees: the Blue Palo Verde, the Foothills Palo Verde, the Mexican Palo Verde and the Palo Brea. All four produce a different bean pod.



Black widow spiders - These beneficial garden creatures consume annoying pests, such as cockroaches and crickets. Black widow spiders (*Latrodectus Hesperus*) are active on warm summer nights.



Scorpions- are active during hot summer nights and are effective predators of other insects. Although the sting of a scorpion is painful, it is generally not life threatening.



Hummingbirds - There is a dramatic increase in hummingbird activity this month, as many species begin "tanking up" fat reserves for migration, and other species arrive here on their way south.



Planting

July - I would not encourage planting in July. However, Native Americans traditionally sowed summer crops right before the start of the monsoons. The desert's brief summer season of extra rainfall and humidity promoted seed germination and encouraged plants to grow quickly

August - Normally, the start of our late summer/early fall vegetable planting season which continues into November. Unless we have a dramatic monsoon, I would hold off until September which will still give you plenty of time. That will be covered in the September newsletter.

Happy 4th of July.....See You In September!

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



As you travel through Bellasera these days, you can't help but notice our resident Quail families wandering about and rising to the challenge of helping their chicks survive those first couple of critical weeks after hatching. So, when driving through our community, please adhere to the speed limit and stop signs. Our Quail cross the streets frequently and don't always look first.



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 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**.

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.

For sale. Upright rolling walker, forearm rest. Padded seat and backrest. Ideal for people up to 6 feet tall. Manufactured by Elenker, and advertised on Amazon.com. Still brand new. \$100.00 Call **Pat, 480-595-6811**

Are your window coverings getting tired looking? If so, I can help you update the look of your home with shutters, shades or blinds. I'm **Mike Alldredge**, owner of Array Shutters and Blinds. I offer Friends and Family discounts to our Bellasera neighbors. Call me, **602-622-7575**.

Rental wanted in Bellasera, February - April, 2023. Contact **Gerald, 970-443-0975, glolsen@q.com**

Copenhagen beautiful contemporary leather L-shaped sectional and ottoman (with storage). Light taupe in color. 3 yrs old. New price was \$4,074. Excellent condition. Asking price- \$2000. Phone, **520-730-9812**. Located in Bellasera.

I love living in Bellasera! The market is still on fire. We are seeing record prices per square foot in Bellasera 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 contact me. **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223, audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

Life Settlements! Conducted a training meeting recently and asked to bring along examples of previously completed unwanted life insurance policy sales. Of the last 19, value if cashed in was \$1,400,000. I represented the insureds, who weren't aware this option existed, they walked away with just over \$15,000,000. Nearly 10X as much. Another sold this week for 31X more than the surrender value. Thinking about dropping your policy? Call me, I'd be happy to help. **Marc Ruskin, 480-221-1070, ruskinmarc@aol.com**.

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