

# ABEVA BRIEF

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## ABEVA Mission Statement

*ABEVA pledges aggressive leadership to nourish and enhance our Biltmore Lifestyle by preserving and protecting the ambience and environment, and by maintaining standards which benefit all members of ABEVA.*

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## FROM THE ABEVA OFFICE

- The Board is continuing the investigation into changing the street light fixtures to LED lights. ABEVA has 71 street lights that we maintain and pay the electrical cost. If the lights are converted from the current metal halide fixtures to LED lights, ABEVA will save over \$11,000 a year, and the project will pay for itself in less than four years. The city of Phoenix is converting 90,000 street lights to LED, and they have been very generous in sharing their research information with ABEVA.
- The landscape renovation project is going well and will be complete by the end of May. The project will not only improve the appearance of the entrances at Lincoln and at 32nd Street, it will save us money on water bills with a more efficient watering system.
- ABEVA will be starting the street repair and paving project at the end of May or first part of June. Bids will be in by the time you are reading this newsletter. You will receive notice of any street closures when it gets closer and we know the exact dates and locations repairs will be taking place.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA Board Room. ❖

## Management of Scorpions

Pest-proofing of the home is an essential first step. Scorpions prey on insects; if you can eliminate an insect problem the scorpions will have nothing to prey on. Scorpions are almost impossible to manage with insecticides alone. Therefore, the first control strategy is to modify the area surrounding a house or structure:

- Conduct U.V. black-light collections several times during the summer between 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Remove all harborages such as: trash, logs, boards, stones, bricks and other objects from around the building.
- Keep grass closely mowed near the home. Prune bushes and overhanging tree branches away from the structure. Tree branches can provide a path to the roof for scorpions. Minimize low growing ground cover vegetation.
- Store garbage containers in a frame that allows them to rest above ground level.

- Never bring firewood inside the building unless it is placed directly on the fire.
- Install weather-stripping around loose fitting doors and windows and ensure door sweeps are tight fitting.
- Plug weep holes in brick veneer with steel wool, pieces of nylon scouring pad or small squares of screen wire.
- Caulk around roof eaves, pipes and any other cracks into the building.
- Keep window screens in good repair. Make sure they fit tightly in the window frame.
- Stucco cinder-block walls.

Generally speaking, scorpions are active if nighttime temperatures are above 70°F. They tend to be less active during winter and the hottest part of the summer during daylight hours. If stung by a scorpion (or concerned about any other poisonous organism), contact the Arizona Poison Control and Drug Information Center at 1-800-222-1222. ❖

## Oleander Leaf Scorch

OLS is caused by the oleander strain of *Xylella fastidiosa*, a bacterium that colonizes the xylem (water conducting) tissue of oleander.

Symptoms of OLS on oleanders include an initial yellowing of leaves that is soon followed by the characteristic browning and necrosis (dead tissue) of the tips and edges of leaves. Symptoms often appear on one branch or part of the plant in the summer. Although the symptoms are often similar to drought stress and salt damage, infected plants continue to decline. Winter freeze damage and/or poor irrigation may also resemble OLS. However, OLS symptoms should appear and develop during the growing season.

The OLS strain of *X. fastidiosa* is transmitted to oleanders by xylem feeding sharpshooter insects. Presently, the most important vector of *X. fastidiosa* in oleander in Arizona is the smoke tree sharpshooter which is common in low desert areas, including Phoenix and Tucson. To date, *X. fastidiosa* has not been detected in the roots of oleanders and there is no data from controlled experiments showing that it is transmitted by pruning tools.

For photos of OLS and more information, the following two publications are available on-line at: [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7480.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7480.html). Make sure the oleander plants are adequately irrigated with water low to moderate in salt content. Monitor them throughout the growing season. ❖





## Ficus Whitefly Management

According to the UofA Cooperative Extension of Maricopa County, there is a new pest in Phoenix. This pest causes damage and defoliation in Ficus trees. It is the Ficus or Fig Whitefly; which is an exotic, invasive insect that was first seen in Florida in 2007.

Defoliation is one of the most obvious symptoms of an infestation of ficus whitefly. The leaves of ficus trees infested with whiteflies begin to turn yellow before the leaves are dropped from the plant. However, if you have defoliation, you have had the whitefly for numerous months. In addition to defoliation, there can be branch dieback. The amount of branch dieback is highly variable and is probably linked with the overall health of the plant. In most cases, trees and hedges will grow new leaves. Dead branches need to be pruned out. This whitefly has been most commonly found infesting weeping fig (*Ficus benjamina*).

The decision to intervene with a pesticide should be carefully considered. Florida recommends just one, very well timed soil application of a neonicotinoid insecticide like dinotefuran or imidacloprid for year-long management of this pest. Mixtures with other insecticides and foliar sprays are generally not necessary and counterproductive because of their negative impacts on beneficial insects and pest resistance.

Excellent, science-based guidance on the effective management of this insect is available at:  
[http://cisr.ucr.edu/pdf/ficus\\_whitefly\\_feb2010\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://cisr.ucr.edu/pdf/ficus_whitefly_feb2010_fact_sheet.pdf). ❖

## MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS

### Biltmore Area Partnership Luncheon



The next Biltmore Area Partnership luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 19th at Del Frisco's Grille. Please note change of normal date due to Memorial Day Weekend. The guest speakers will be Jami Vallelonga, the real estate manager at the Esplanade, who will give us an update as to the changes that will be happening at the Esplanade and a speaker from CBRE who will talk about the current condition of commercial real estate in the Biltmore Area.

Del Frisco's Grille is located at 2425 E. Camelback Road at the Esplanade. Reservations are required by Friday, May 15th, 2015. Networking will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, when lunch will be served. The guests will address the attendees from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. For additional information, please call Ed Rossi at (602) 957-6483. Reservations and checks should be sent to Biltmore Area Partnership at 3104 East Camelback Road, #174, Phoenix, AZ 85016. ❖

### Biltmore Lunch Bunch

Now if you think the Biltmore Lunch Bunch is not a group of women who like to "eat," you need to think again! If you are not in this photo, you missed a fun opportunity for visiting, making new friends and networking!

The Biltmore Lunch Bunch (BLB) will meet on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. at Frank and Albert's with La Rita Mason, Coordinating Hostess. BYOM (Bring Your Own Money), order off the menu, and come and enjoy lunch with ladies who live or work in the Biltmore area. Casual dress.



#### For advanced planning:

Friday, June 5, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Jeni Allen, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, July 3, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Jeni Allen, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, August 7, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Jeni Allen, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, September 11, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Nancy McKay, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, October 16, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Nancy McKay, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, November 6, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Nancy McKay, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, December 4, 2015-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with Sylvia Prusakowski, Coordinating Hostess

Friday, January 8, 2016-11:45 a.m.-Frank and Albert's with La Rita Mason, Coordinating Hostess

If you have any questions or to be added to the listserv to receive reminders about the BLB, contact La Rita Mason at (602) 667-0002 or [lrmason@am.net](mailto:lrmason@am.net). It helps in planning if you can let La Rita know in advance if you know you plan to come. However, if you don't know until the time of the event, whether or not you can come, drop-ins are always welcome. ❖

### Biltmore Networking Group

Would you like to network among Biltmore area professionals and businesspeople? Do you enjoy socializing with others living or working in the Biltmore area? The Biltmore Networking Group has been going strong since the summer of 2003. The Biltmore Networking Group organizes a monthly happy hour for professionals, businesspeople, residents and anyone who enjoys the Biltmore area to meet and network. Professionals from a wide variety of industries attend including finance, fine arts, government, hospitality, law, marketing, medicine, real estate, technology and many more. There is usually a group of about 60-80 people attending.

The upcoming happy hours are planned for May 7th and June 4th 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Omaha SteakHouse Garden Lounge inside the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore located at 2630 East Camelback Road in Phoenix. You can reach them by calling (602) 955-3992. There is no need to RSVP and there is never a charge to attend these events, so please feel free to stop by.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for monthly announcements, please contact Shahpar at [biltmorenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:biltmorenetwork@gmail.com). ❖





## **SPECIAL OFFERS AND EVENTS** **Arizona Biltmore Golf Club**

Warmer weather is in sight and so are great deals at Arizona Biltmore Golf Club:  
**Treat Mom this Mother's Day**

Make your reservation for Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10 at The Adobe at Arizona Biltmore Golf Club. Brunch will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a special gift for mom. Call today as reservations are limited.

### **Walk or Ride, Receive a Discount**

Swing by The Adobe after 2:30 p.m. for \$5 appetizers including the blue cheese haystack fries, frickles, onion rings, chips n' dip, pub pretzel bites or house cheese crisp. Plus, receive \$2 off all cocktails and wines by the glass and \$1 off all beers. Walk or ride your bike and receive 10% of your bill.

### **Play More, Save More with a Summer Pass**

For \$139, you can play all five of the celebrated courses between the Wigwam and Arizona Biltmore Golf Clubs, plus an extra round for FREE! Summer Passes are available for purchase and use from May 15th through August 31st.

### **Biltmore Golf Rewards Tournament**

Join us at the Biltmore Golf Rewards tournament on Sunday, May 31. The event is open to the public and anyone can join in the fun both on and off the course. Register online or the next time you visit the Pro Shop.

For additional details about May promotions, memberships or to book a golf tee time, please visit [www.azbiltmoregc.com](http://www.azbiltmoregc.com) or [www.theadoberestaurant.com](http://www.theadoberestaurant.com). ❖

## **Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa**

### **May Events at the Arizona Biltmore**

This May, the Arizona Biltmore offers a delicious assortment of fine cuisine, live music and seasonal Spa Biltmore specials. Join them every weekend for live music at the Wright Bar and make sure to indulge in one of their specialty food events.

Join them as they conclude the 25th season of the Winemaker Dinner Series on Thursday, May 7th with Sequoia Grove. Held in the resort's historic signature restaurant, Wright's at The Biltmore, the Winemaker Dinners combine innovative gourmet dining, acclaimed wines and winemakers discussing their wines with after-dinner drinks and cigars on the Wright Patio. Reservations are required.

The month of May also marks the next installment of the Arizona Biltmore Beer Dinners. Oskar Blues Brewery, New Belgium Brewing and Left Hand Brewing Company step in the spotlight Monday, May 11th where acclaimed microbrews are paired with original culinary creations by Arizona Biltmore's Executive Chef Gordon Maybury. The four-course dinners will be held in the private Sunroom of Frank & Albert's restaurant. For reservations and more information, please visit [ArizonaBiltmore.com](http://ArizonaBiltmore.com) or call 602-955-6600.

This summer, kids can learn to play tennis while enjoying the resort-like atmosphere. From swimming in their Paradise Pool with its 92-foot waterslide to sport court with basketball, soccer, ping pong, arts, crafts and much more, kids will experience summer at its best. Tennis sessions and activities begin June 1st. For registration and more information, please visit [ArizonaBiltmore.com](http://ArizonaBiltmore.com) or call 602-381-7684.

### **Arizona Biltmore Resort Rewards Card Information**

The Biltmore Resort does extend discounts to ABEVA members. With a Biltmore Rewards Card you are entitled to receive a 15% discount at the Resort's restaurants and gift shops, as well as 15% off of spa services and guest rooms. Applications are available in the ABEVA office. Please contact us at either 602-955-1003 or [cjones@abeva.com](mailto:cjones@abeva.com) to receive a copy. Should you lose your card and need a replacement, please call Dena Isaacs at 602-955-6600

In addition to the Biltmore Rewards Card, the Biltmore Resort also offers Spa Memberships, which will give you access to all of the resort amenities – including 8 sparkling pools, 6 tennis courts, a sport court, their state-of-the-art fitness center, etc. There is a one-time initiation fee, as well as monthly dues for this membership. If you are interested, please contact Angela Battaglia at 602-955-6600 x2984 for more information. ❖



## **ABEVA** **Board of Directors**

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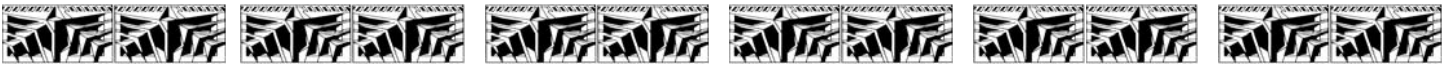
**Police Dept. Non-Emergency:**  
**602-262-6151**

### **Website Information**

Please visit the NEW website at [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com). There is a link to Phoenix Metro Bank to pay your annual dues. You can download many ABEVA documents; CC&Rs, Parking Permission, Architectural Request Form, and more. You may also read board minutes and the *ABEVA Brief* online. ❖

## **Handy Contacts**

**City of Phoenix Back-Washing  
Department  
(Pools)**  
**602.256.3190**  
**Dead Animal Pick-up**  
**602.262.6791**  
**Dog Catcher**  
**602.506.7387**  
**Snake Control**  
**480.894.1625**  
**Fish & Game**  
**602.942.3000**  
**SRP Outages**  
**602.236.8811**  
**Water Department**  
**602.262.6251**  
**Water Department (after hours)**  
**602.261.8000**



## Embassy Suites ~ 2015 ABEVA Rates

1/1-4/11-2015	\$214.00 + tax
4/12-5/21-2015	\$189.00 + tax
5/22-9/12 -2015	\$109.00 + tax
9/13-12/31-2015	\$189.00 + tax



Above rates are based on availability and will apply to standard suites only.

### Rate will include:

- All suite accommodations with choice of one king bed or two double beds and sofa bed in the living room.
- Full cooked to order breakfast each morning Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m.
- Evening reception each evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day.
- No resort fees.

For reservations, you can contact the hotel directly at 602-955-3992 and ask for the ABEVA rate or you can make your reservations by visiting their website at [www.phoenix-biltmore.embassysuites.com](http://www.phoenix-biltmore.embassysuites.com) go to reservations and use Corporate ID 2759628. ❖

## The Wrigley Mansion

### Taste Tuesdays

Taste the best of Geordie's with a seasonally-inspired four-course tasting menu for \$30pp plus tax/gratuity.

### Live Music Calendar

Visit the Wrigley at Geordie's Lounge every Thursday and Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to experience their live music lineup featuring some of Phoenix's top local musicians. Come for happy hour from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., stay for the great music! You may view their live music calendar online.

### Sunday Brunch

The Wrigley Mansion offers an award-winning brunch experience every Sunday, and it is better than ever! Book your table today and enjoy Sunday brunch overlooking the City every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 602-955-4079 for reservations!

### Tours

Go behind the scenes at Phoenix's most regal residence with a guided tour of The Wrigley Mansion Club, offered Wednesday through Saturday. Tours cost \$15 pp; Stay for lunch and the cost for tour and meal is \$25 - \$40pp, or \$64 for the tour plus Sunday brunch. ❖



## ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR MAY 2015

The following businesses and ABEVA partners have graciously offered to provide discounts to **ABEVA MEMBERS ONLY**. THERE IS NO ABEVA-ISSUED CARD. TO SHOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ABEVA, BRING THIS SECTION OF *THE BRIEF* WITH YOU.

### Restaurants

- **Omaha Steak House** - 2630 E. Camelback - Embassy Suites - 10% off food only - not valid holidays - 602-553-8970.
- **L'Amore Restaurant** - 32nd Street & Lincoln Drive - 10% - 602-381-3159.
- **Caffé Daniel** - 32nd Street & Lincoln Drive - 10% off - Please bring ad for discount to be applied.



### Partners & Businesses

- **Foothills Pet Resort** - 3165 E. Lincoln Drive - 15% Boarding, Daycare, and Grooming Services - For more information call 602-956-2302 or visit [www.foothillspetresort.com](http://www.foothillspetresort.com).
- **Aluxio Home Management** - 15% discount to ABEVA members - For more information call 480-818-2479 or visit [www.Aluxio.com](http://www.Aluxio.com).
- **Mr. V's Fine Cigars and Events** - Rare, vintage, and aged every day cigars. 10% off entire purchase of cigars, cutters and ash trays when you mention this ad. Call 602-413-6544.
- **Salon Vanity'z** - 10% off to ABEVA residents on all nail and skin care services. - 602-553-0399. - 2633 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 150 - Visit [www.salonvanityz.com](http://www.salonvanityz.com).
- **Classy-Jazzy Boutique** - Clothing, accessories-Jewelry. Located at 3147 E. Lincoln Drive next to L'Amore Restaurant. \$20 off your first purchase!
- **Salon Estique** - 40 E. Camelback - ABEVA Residents get a FREE Haircut/Style and makeup application. First time guests only. Weekend and holiday restrictions may apply. Salon Estique is voted top 200 salons in the country. Visit them at [Salonestique.com](http://Salonestique.com) - 602-248-0077.



- **Inspired Bodies Massage** - 602-451-5436 - Therapeutic massage and reflexology. New clients receive a 60 minute massage for \$60.
- **Wax Appeal** - 1202 E. Maryland, Suite 1C, Phoenix, AZ 85014. - [www.waxappealbyjill.com](http://www.waxappealbyjill.com) - 602-684-8034 - Monday - Saturday, by appointment only. Mention this ad and receive 20% off your service.
- **State of the Art Designers in Hair** - Complimentary haircut with any color service. - 2398 E. Camelback Rd. - Stylist Jill Moore - 602-435-8488.
- **UPS Store** - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) - 10% - 602-952-8830.
- **Groom Room Barbershop** - Receive \$5 off - Every haircut comes with a shoe shine! - 602-252-2552 - at Biltmore Fashion Park.
- **Wrigley Mansion** - 20% off lunch, dinner or brunch. For your reservation call 602-955-4079.
- **Urban Vine (kitchen|hops|grapes)** - 2201 N. 7th St. - 602-258-5149 - Check out their ever changing specials, everyday happy hour, and Sunday brunch. Bring this ad for 10% off your experience.
- **Seth's Healing Hands** - Traveling Medical Massage Specialist. Over 15 years experience. 20% off all medical massages for ABEVA members - 602-373-7553.
- **Holiday Cruises & Tours** - \$100 discount on any seven day or longer vacation. I will strive to find the best value for your vacation dollar. Call Claudia, your Biltmore neighbor and vacation expert - 602-228-9939.

