

# THE CELA CONNECTION

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT By Larry Jonas

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We have such great activities planned for this Fall! Our second CELA Academy, held in conjunction with Central Arizona College, begins on September 10, 2009. Classes will be held every other Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Avondale Public Safety Building training room located at the SEC of 107th Avenue and McDowell Rd. The facility is just west of Loop 101 and just north of Interstate 10, so it is very easy to reach. Successful completion of the Academy awards the participant three college credits from Central Arizona College and a certified code enforcement officer, level 1, designation from CELA. And the cost for the 48-hour Academy, including classes, instructor fees, materials, and other items is a very low \$336.00. Complete information can be found on the CELA website, [www.CELA1.org](http://www.CELA1.org), as well as a registration form. Registrations must be received by September 1, 2009. Or you can contact our training coordinator, Lora Isaacs, at [loraisaacs@q.com](mailto:loraisaacs@q.com) for additional information. Class size is limited, so if you're interested, please complete and send in your registration form with your check as soon as possible, or contact Lora directly.

Our Fall training conference will be held on October 22-23, 2009 at the Scottsdale Stadium, the site of last year's conference. We have some very new classes lined up for you! The conference will start on Thursday with some exciting information about a new bill being written that would make an assault on a code officer a felony, similar to the existing language for police officers. Anthony Kern of El Mirage will then share some new techniques he learned while attending a training program in San Diego, CA regarding the HOARDING SYNDROME. Randy Grant, former zoning administrator for the City of Scottsdale, will present a dynamic class on ZONING and city/county issues. We will close the day with a short class on POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUALS.

***We're also going to work in some fun team building, as well as lunch on the lawn during a baseball game!***

Friday, October 23, presents an educational opportunity you will not want to miss! Safeguard Properties will lead a FORECLOSURE SUMMIT that will include discussion on the MERS Initiative and how your jurisdiction can participate in this program, new trends and techniques in foreclosures, open sharing of problem properties and answers to solve those problems, etc. ***This Foreclosure Summit is open to all who are interested and is not limited to CELA members.*** Additional information and a registration form will be on the website soon.

### Special points of interest:

- CELA Academy begins September 10, 2009.
- Fall 2009 CELA conference set for October 22 and 23, 2009 at the Scottsdale Stadium.
- Watch the CELA website for updates! It will soon be changing to a members-only site, so make sure your membership is current!



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, continued

CELA's website soon will have member-only access. Each CELA member will receive a password to the website when we are ready to make the transition. Please make sure your membership is current!

The CELA Educational Advisory Panel is beginning work on the level 2 classes for the CELA Academy. If you are interested in serving on this panel, please contact John Lichtenberger at the Town of Queen Creek for information.

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year, and I look forward to seeing you at our Fall conference. Please share this newsletter with others who may not receive one.

*Larry Jonas*

October 2009 CELA Training Calendar						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sa
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