

MARCH 31, 2020

Dear Bella Vita Family and Friends,

The Board continues to monitor, as is everyone, the changing status of the coronavirus dictates as they are made from national, county and city levels. We still urge everyone to practice social distancing and limit your gatherings to no more than 10 at a time. I believe we are all staying in touch and reaching out to those in need. We will keep posting information as it becomes available. For the time being, we maintain the status quo.

Everyone stay safe and healthy.



WASH HAND

Wash your hand with soap and use hand sanitiser

COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or tissue. Dispose and wash hand afterward



DON'T TOUCH

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keep your distance around 6 feet with each other on the public



STAY AT HOME

Always stay home when there is no urgent or important need to stay out of the house



The Awards Committee would like to announce Q1 2020 Volunteer of the Quarter, Jerry Marshburn. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Jerry Marshburn moved to Bellavita in 2012, with his wife Emily. Jerry and Emily participated as a vendor at the BV Mistletoe Market for 4 years prior to moving to Bellavita. He said based on that experience, they wanted to move here. Guess they really liked the place!

In 2013, he started volunteering with the Christmas Decorating committee. For 4 years, you could see him decorating inside and out, putting his special touch on the clubhouse, entrance gates, exterior grounds, etc. He always goes above and beyond what's asked of him.

Jerry always has a nice smile when you see him as well as reaching out to others to see if they need help, a true good neighbor. He was Flag Team Captain for 3 years. This is a critical position since it takes an "Army" to install the flags several times a year. Not only is this a physical job and coordination by section, it means a lot to honor our country and veterans.

In 2015, Jerry joined the Facilities Committee, he was responsible for the lake sidewalk task force. With his dedication and concern for Bellavita, he was always out there inspecting the work to ensure it was done properly and to BV standard.

In 2016, Jerry was asked to take on the Front Door Maintenance project. This takes a lot of coordination with all residents. He spends a great deal of time from March through October to ensure residents' doors are scheduled as well as managing the vendor who refinishes the doors.

Jerry has to coordinate with the front desk staff who signs up residents for door maintenance, then he calls each resident on his list to confirm. The Front Doors are done every 2 yrs. so he has to coordinate by street by resident. Takes a lot of time and effort to manage this responsibility. It would not be as successful if not for Jerry's dedication to the BV community.

He says he is known as "The Door Man". Since he does his job so well and takes time to speak with the residents about their appointments, they tend to make him "the go to person" for all maintenance questions. He does what he can to direct them to the right person.

He has done an incredible job in all his volunteer efforts. Thank you Jerry Marshburn for all your hard work. Please congratulate Jerry on his outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Committee Chair

“Pursuant to Health Code Guidelines” the pool and spa are closed until further notice”

Please use caution when allowing your grandchildren to operate golf carts on our streets. You would not put them behind the wheel of your car. Our streets are private but accommodate not only resident vehicles, but many service vehicles throughout the day and evening. An unlicensed minor should never be allowed to operate the vehicle without an adult.

One accident is too many!



Please make sure you are with your family while fishing in the lake. if there isn't a adult please do not approach them, just call the police



If you're picking up rocks please make sure to watch out for snakes



Please tell your Guests and Vendors Do **NOT** Tailgate. The entrance gates are monitored by camera

The **American Beaver** occurs throughout most of North America, and more importantly in the Bella Vita Nature Reserve. Beaver are very important ecologically and are considered a “keystone” species, which is a species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend, such that if it were removed, the ecosystem would change drastically. Beavers have large, sharp incisors that grow their entire lives. Beavers are vegetarians and eat almost anything plant based, preferring aquatic plants. They do not eat fish or trees but will consume the bark of trees. They are known to girdle or cut down trees to build their homes, which are known as lodges or dens. Often the lodges are built to dam up water to encourage the growth of aquatic vegetation. Beavers can also live in burrows dug into riverbanks. This is how the beavers in the BV Nature Reserve live. An adult may weigh up to 40 pounds and dive underwater for up to 10 minutes. They can live up to 30 years but only live about 10 yrs in the wild due to predation. Coyotes are a natural predator. Beavers are thought to mate for life or until the death of their mate. Baby beavers are called “kits” and are born from April to June. Kits can swim the day they are born. Even after they mature, kits will remain close to their parents for several years. The BV mama beaver was seen on the wildlife cameras with one kit last year.



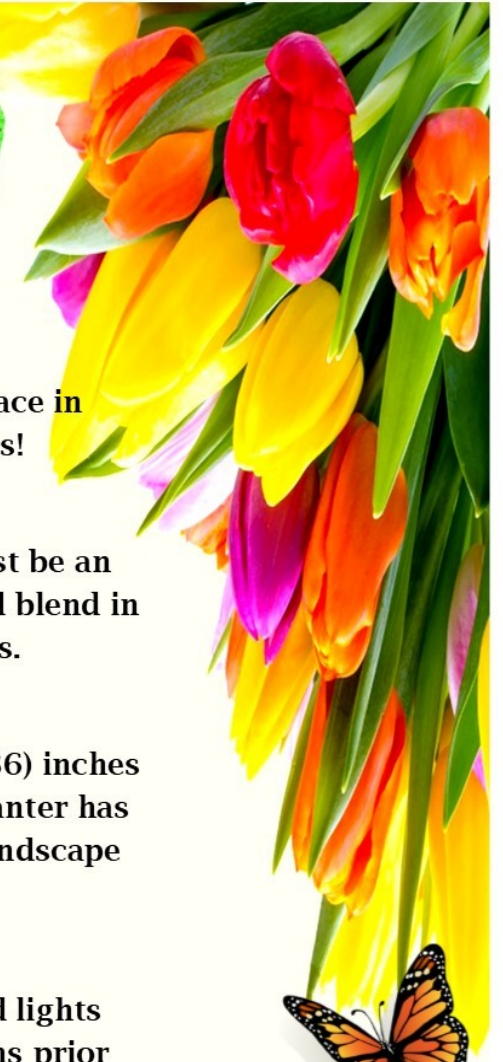
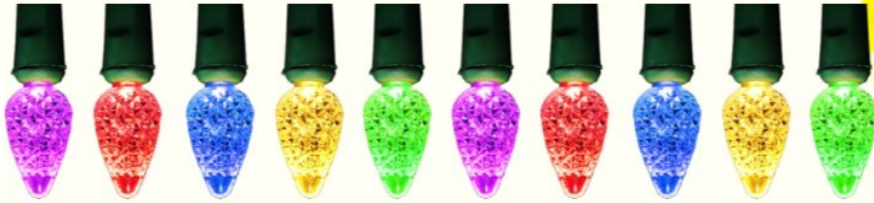
Spring is upon us so don't forget that snakes will be more active and visible due to breeding season and because they like to lay in sunny warm areas. Also remember to keep your dogs (large and small) on leash so that they do not venture into tall grass or other dangerous areas where they might encounter snakes or coyotes.



Front Door Maintenance

Your HOA dues includes having your front door maintained every 2 years. This means the door will be lightly sanded and a light coat of spar varnish applied. A new weather strip at the bottom of the door is included, if needed. This will help protect your door. However, if you postpone having the work performed and the door has to be refinished (not just maintained), the HOA will only cover a portion of the refinishing and replacing the weather strip. The HOA will pay \$130.00 (the cost to the HOA of a normal maintenance including the weather strip) plus an additional \$50.00 to cover the cost of a second coat of varnish. The homeowner will be responsible for the rest. So it pays to have the work done every 2 years, if needed. Please come to the Front Desk at the Clubhouse and ask to have a work order made for Door Maintenance if it has been 2 years since your door was maintained last.





Did you know...???

Yard Art in Bellavita has its own place in our Architectural Review Guidelines!

Yard Art in the front/side yard must be an integral part of the landscaping and blend in with the existing shrubbery or trees.

The size cannot exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height UNLESS the decorative planter has living flowers or other approved landscape material.

Traditional holiday decorations and lights may be displayed for two (2) months prior and one (1) month after any commonly recognized holiday for which such lights are traditionally displayed.

Spring is right around the corner. Now might be a good time to take a look at your yard art. Does it meet the requirements? If it does, then GREAT!!! If not, do you have approval on an Architectural application? The cheerful ladies at the Front desk would be more than happy to assist you with an application.

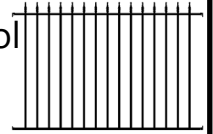


A Friendly Reminder

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE STRAY ANIMALS!

By feeding stray cats, racoons, opossums, etc., you create unwanted messes in your yard and your neighbors yards. Stray cats that are being fed tend to make litterboxes out of gardens, plants, rooftops, patio furniture, and worse, garages. Feral cats can also damage outside furnishings by scratching and spraying on them, leaving an unpleasant odor. Neighbors with damage from these strays may use necessary means to remove the unwanted pests to avoid further damage by calling Animal Control or using an animal safe trap. Traps are often available at no charge from the City.

Please keep the pool gate Closed at all times. The County Ordinance prohibits the propping open of pool gates. (CAMERA MONITORED)



Please make sure all Cats and Dogs are on Leashes



Please do not work on motor vehicles in the driveway or in the street. The BellaVita CCR Section 8 states that motor vehicles can only be worked on in the garage or an approved enclosure..



When purchasing a ticket from the clubhouse please make sure its payable to "BellaVita"



**-NO-
BILLS OVER
\$20.00**

We are no longer receiving bills over \$20. If anyone comes and tries to pay with more than \$20, we will have to turn them away. Thank you for understanding.



During ticketed or private party events, the ice machine will not be available for personal, pool or other activity use to fill coolers or drink containers

Ticket Sale — Once you have purchased tickets from the BV desk and Sue S. Non Refundable



NOTICE



**HELP KEEP
THIS PLACE
CLEAN**

Please be considerate and pick up after yourselves when exiting the annex, ballroom, and kitchen areas.

We have found coffee grounds left over in the coffee maker in the kitchen, wrappers and food on the floor in the Annex, spilled soda in the clubhouse hallway, etc.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE CURBS!!!

BellaVita owns our streets within the community and when the curbs are damaged the association has to repair/replace. Please be cautious.

This is a friendly reminder that the Clubhouse's hours are posted as follows:

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Sunday....Clubhouse Closed

Monday....11a to 10p

Tuesday.....10a to 10p

Wednesday...10a to 10p

Thursday....10a to 10p

Friday.....10a to 10p

Saturday10a to 6p*

***Closes at 6 PM unless there is a**

Scheduled activity at clubhouse

Please be advised that the staff will **NOT** be opening the doors earlier than the specified times. **Please be cognizant of the times your activities begin if you don't wish to wait outside.** Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY THE BELLES CLUB

DID YOU KNOW?

The Belles Club sponsors a Bereavement Committee to assist families with meal services on the death of a loved one in which the family wishes to use Clubhouse Facilities for a memorial reception.

The following are guidelines of the committee:

- Service offered **only** on the death of a resident;
- Family contacts the Clubhouse Manager to arrange for use of the clubhouse facilities;
- Clubhouse Manager contacts Bereavement Committee to assist family;
- Bereavement Committee provides salads, vegetable dishes, desserts, and tea/coffee/water. Family provides any other beverages of their choice;
- Bereavement Committee works with the clubhouse personnel and family on the set up and clean-up.

Sue Steik has graciously volunteered to serve as coordinator of the Bereavement Committee. The committee is comprised of volunteers from the Belles Club as well as any other residents of the community who would like to assist. You may contact Sue Steik if you wish to be on the list as a volunteer (281-464-9454).

BellaVita is a community committed to neighbors helping neighbors and this is just one small way in which we try to be a support in the loss of a loved one.

Copy. Print. Fax. *and more!*

The Service Desk will provide the following FAX, Notary and Copy services for home owners:

- Long distance faxes - \$1 for each page
- Sending local Faxes – no charge
- NO International faxes
- Receiving Faxes – 10 cents per page up to 25 pages and 25 cents per page over 25 pages.
- Notary services are free **by appointment only.**
- Notary services are for residents only. Please make appointment at the front desk.
- Scanning to email-No charge
- Copy Services – 10 cents per page up to 25 pages and 25 cents per page over 25 pages.

The **Copy Center** copying guidelines for the BellaVita HOA Board, Board Committees and Clubs and Organization Officers are at no charge as follows:

- Maximum of 25 pages – immediate copying
- Maximum of 400 pages – 24 hour copying
- Over 400 pages – one week copying
- Any specialty services (stapling, binding, hole punching, etc.) are the responsibility of the requester.
- **All copies are black and white on white paper only.**
- All specialty papers are to be provided by the requester.

NOW OFFERING: Laminating- 25 cents for 1/2 page and 50 cents for a full page.

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES REMINDER:

Remember to check the Architectural Guidelines before making any improvements or modifications to the exterior of your home or property. There are specific requirements for many changes.

The ARC Guidelines are on the BellaVita website along with an application which explains the time frame for approval and the documents required to be submitted.

The Rules and Regulations governing the use of BellaVita property (clubhouse, annex, pool and common grounds) state that no more than 10 guests per household are allowed. Exceptions to this rule are for Bereavement/Memorial services, private party rentals and events open to the public such as the Mistletoe Market. Your private homes are not governed by these Rules and Regulations.



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