

April 14, 2020

AMID THE CHAOS OF CORONAVIRUS

What has changed in your life? Have you been sick, have you lost a loved one?

Have you lost a job or has your income been diminished? For some, stock portfolio shows a loss, but is this reflected in your today life?

Do you have utilities, phone, wi-fi, cable tv?

Are you short of food or going to bed hungry? Have you had to visit a food pantry for assistance?

Our parties have been cancelled – our games with friends are on hold. These are only temporary interruptions in life.

We are bored – what did your parents tell you if you were bored? Go outside to play, read a book, study something new, or if like mine, here's a list of chores.

Your neighbors may need something next time you make a run to the store or place your order;

Getting food to go, maybe your neighbors or someone who is unable to get out would like a meal also.

Watch church or worship online.

We still live in the greatest place in the world with so many blessings

We have our faith, our families, our homes, our friends and in most cases our health.

In this chaos, let's all choose to be kind.

-Anonymous

Thank You

The Belle's Club would like to thank everyone who donated Easter Baskets, and monetary gifts!

Juanita, and Barbara delivered your donations of 61 baskets to Helping Hands, St. Luke's Ministry's, and SEAM. Who then delivered, and brightened the day of many special children on Easter morning! God bless you all!





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

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. To put your name on the door work order list please contact the Bellavita Clubhouse 281-464-3150 or email Carolina at Carolina.garcia@inframark.com



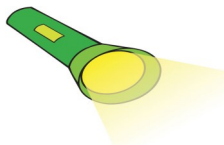
It's turtle nesting time, so they may get in the yards or crossing the streets to get to upland areas to lay eggs. If you pick one up out of the street to place it in the grass - it WILL pee on you since that is a defense mechanism. Just be forewarned.

Folks may find large white eggs laying in their flowerbeds or shallow holes dug (which they might think an armadillo dug the hole) - it will be the female turtles. You will probably never even see them in your yard. Just leave them alone and they will venture off.

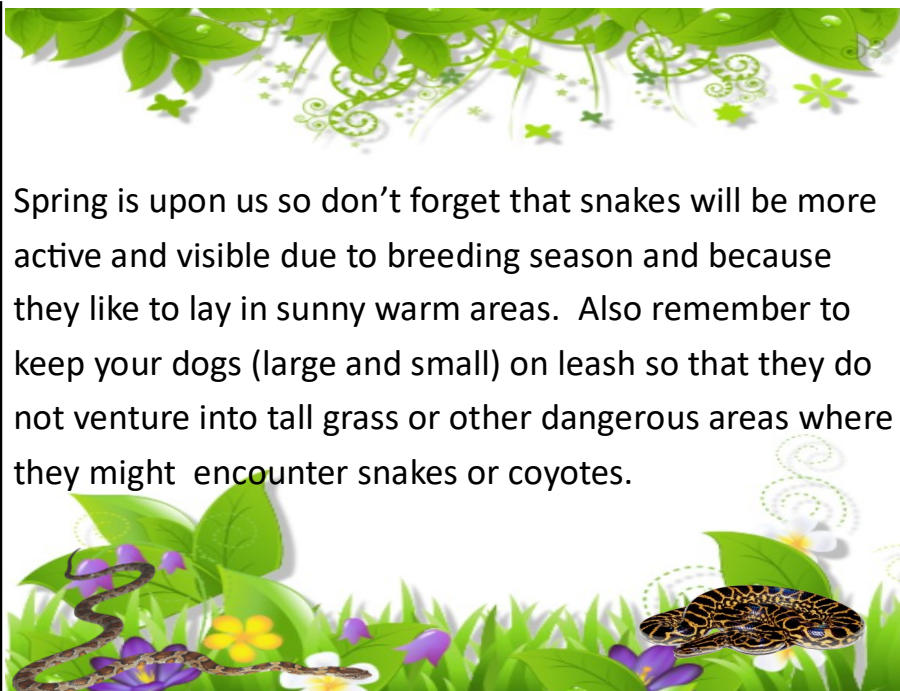
In a couple or three weeks you may see white stuff that looks like plastic or trash in your flowerbeds and it will be discarded egg shells after the babies hatch and dig out.



Folks should take a flashlight outside when they let their pets out after dark to make sure there are no snakes on the patio or in grass and if there is one in their yard it is safer to spray it with water hose till it leaves rather than getting close enough to kill. Most people who are bitten are trying to kill or pick up the snake rather than avoiding it.



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.

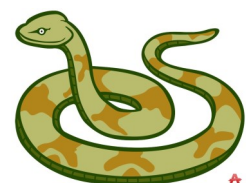


Why Love a Snake!

Globally and regionally, scientists report that reptile populations are declining at an alarming rate. The primary drivers for the decline in populations include: habitat loss and degradation, direct persecution and disease. Snakes are reptiles and fill an important ecological niche as beneficial predators of garden and suburban pests, including rats and slugs. Most snakes are non-aggressive and only bite if stepped on or handled.

As reptiles, snakes are cold blooded, which means their body temperature is controlled by the external environment. Thus, when it is sunny, they are prone to laying on warm rocks, sidewalks or soil to "sun" themselves. Many Bella Vita residents have seen our local "resident" water snake, "Alfred" who lives in and adjacent to the stream at the clubhouse. Alfred is a long, thin, mottled colored snake that can be seen in the stream waiting to catch fish. He is not poisonous and loves to warm himself on the rocks and/or sidewalk along the stream. He has even been seen early in the morning stretched out on the sidewalk leading to the fitness room. He is harmless (more afraid of you than you are of him). Do not attempt to pick up, step on, or remove him – simply report to clubhouse staff. We are actively taking steps to deter him from occupying areas where he comes in contact with residents. So please be patient as we are addressing the issue.

There is a lot of false or misleading information about snakes. While there are numerous types of non-venomous in our area, there are only 4 venomous/poisonous snakes native to southeast Texas; the western rattlesnake, coral snake, copperhead and eastern cottonmouth. Only one, the eastern cottonmouth, that is found near water.



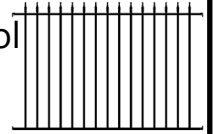
Remember - they're more scared of you than you are of them!

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



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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