# October 27, 2020

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The board knows that we are all Covid fatigued during the last months; however, we continue to meet and evaluate the conditions and try to make informed, conservative decisions for the community. There have been questions that we will try to address here:

#### 1. When can we have an open forum for discussions with homeowners:

At this time, all meetings are being conducted via Zoom for the protection of the board and residents. This forum is not conducive to an exchange of information. We encourage you to forward your questions to Shannon or the board for answers.

#### 2. What about the parking lot incident recently?

We are working hard to avoid a repeat of the unauthorized use of our parking lot.

Our attorneys, both BellaVita and Villas Master, are involved in legal notices to the owner of the property in Villa D'Este which is hosting Air BnB parties. The City of Pearland and Pearland Police Department are also aware of our concerns and have been put on notice.

We have signed an agreement with a towing company for placement of signs outside and inside our facilities which gives us the right to have unauthorized vehicles towed at the owners' expense. We will have to be very cautious and judicious in any decision to have a vehicle towed to ensure that we aren't taking this action against you, your family or friends or another vehicle in the community providing some service to a homeowner. Only Shannon or a board member is authorized to take this action.

#### 3. When is staff returning to the clubhouse and hours of operations:

The staff is back (very happily, I might add) working their full shifts. They are finding plenty to do to keep themselves busy with the business of BellaVita even though we are not hosting events.

The board reopened the clubhouse and annex for business from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. We will remain closed on Sunday.

#### 4. When is our promised high-speed service from Comcast going into effect?

Per conversations with Comcast representatives, a scan of the neighborhood indicates that the community should be receiving the higher speed wi-fi promised. If you are not experiencing this, it could be that your modem should be replaced, or you should call to have your home service reviewed.

#### 5. When are we going to open for events again?

This is the million-dollar question for which we have no answer currently. We can tell you that there will be no club meetings or large events in the ballroom (ticketed or other) throughout the end of 2020.

Smaller activities are being reviewed but at this time, the cases are on the rise and the board will continue to monitor to make these decisions.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOA BOARD AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

Dear Homeowners:

We would like to give you more information regarding the recent HUD Age Survey that was mailed. HUD requires Over 55+ Communities to confirm they are in compliance with the percentage of residents meeting the threshold to be classified as an 55+ Age Community. This information should be collected and updated every two (2) years. The surveys nor the photo id is forwarded to HUD. It is verified by the community and should be kept up to date as new owners/ residents come into the community. It has been more than 2 years since the last survey. The exact date is unknown because the records concerning these statistics were not turned over to Inframark when the change in management companies was made. Many of you are concerned that this information was collected by the title company at closing; however, this information may not be conveyed with transfer of title information to the management company. Most of the records which you sign are sent to your mortgage company or returned to you at closing. Information to the management company is limited to transfer of title, transfer fees and assessments collected.

We do not require that a copy of your photo identification be made. It can be verified by a staff member and they will initial that verification has been made. Also, you can have a friend, neighbor or relative sign as a witness that they have verified that you are above the age of 55. This might be a good way to help some of your neighbors who are unable to come to the clubhouse. The survey form will be included in new homeowner/resident orientation going forward. If you help us by participating in the current survey, you should not have to be contacted in this regard again. A database has been created to retain this information plus the survey forms will be placed in a digital file as well as "hard" copy being retained for reference.

If HUD were to request, Bella Vita must provide proof that we have complied with all federal mandates to collect and preserve this information. Unfortunately, we cannot recreate any missing records, but want to be sure going forward that we are prepared and in compliance.

We can assure you that this information will not be shared outside of BellaVita and management company data base. BellaVita is committed to ensure that we do not violate the Federal Fair Housing Act (Title VIII) which prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap and familial status.

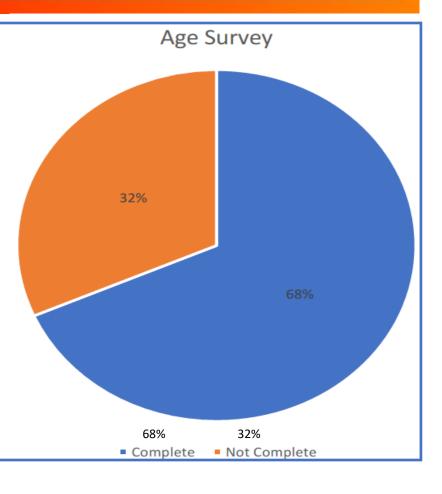
We are all suffering from Covid fatigue and are very sensitive to the fact that our personal information is at greater risk than ever of being stolen. Thank you for your assistance in completing the survey requirements.



## REMEMBER TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Daylight Saving Time ends in 2020 at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, marking the time when clocks "fall back" and we gain an extra hour of sleep. The concept is intended to make better use of the day's light by moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.

A SUPER thank you to those who have forwarded their information to us for the HUD Age Survey! We appreciate it! If you have not completed your survey please make sure to do so and bring to the Bellavita clubhouse







#### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Here's your chance to show us what you've got! Test your knowledge about BellaVita!

Take a stab at these questions.

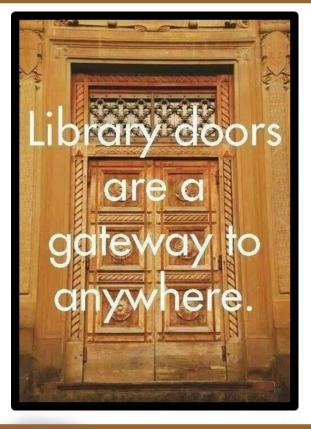
in an email to Shannon wins the prize!

Shannon.Boogades@inframark.com

What is the prize, you ask? Recognition in the next newsletter!

OK. Put on those thinking caps. Ready? Set? GO!!!

- 1. What is the cost for lost or damaged remote clickers to be replaced?
- 2. What is the minimum number of residents that can constitute a club?
- 3. What is the height of one permanent flagpole that is permitted?

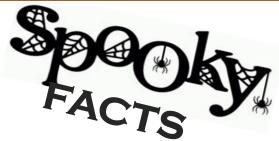


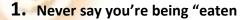
And YOUR Library doors are open any time that the Clubhouse is open.

**COME TO EXPLORE!** 

No charge!







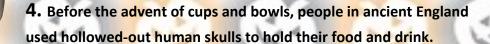
alive" by mosquitos, again. That was an actual method of execution. Scaphism was an ancient form of torture and execution where you'd cover someone with honey,

stick them in a hollowed log and let nature work its course.





- 2. In 2017, homicide archivist Thomas Hargrove estimated that there are more than 2,000 serial killers currently at large.
- 3. There might be a haunted Russian radio station. UVB-76 is a low-frequency radio station that has been broadcasting since 1982. No one knows where the broadcast is originating. It's mostly just a buzzing noise with an occasional Russian voice transmission.













Your 3-Step Guide To

VOTING SAFELY
In-Person During COVID-19

This year, you'll really want to avoid those Election Day lines and crowds.

#### STEP 1

#### **Vote Early**

Voting early means you'll have plenty of time to make sure you're voting safely.

Registered voters can vote at any early voting location in their county. Visit **votetexas.gov** to find early voting locations.

#### **EARLY VOTING**

Tuesday, Oct. 13 -Friday, Oct. 30, 2020

**INTEXAS** 

#### STEP 2



### Map Out a Few Early Voting Locations

Even with early voting, locations can be busy and lines can be long.

Make sure you have a few locations in mind. If your first choice looks crowded or you don't see the right safety practices in place, try the next most convenient early voting location on your list.

# ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND EVERYONE SHOULD TRY

#### STEP 3

#### Stay Safe From COVID-19 While You Vote

Voting is your civic duty, but so is:



Wearing a mask



Carrying and applying hand sanitizer



Keeping your distance







October 13 - 17: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 18: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 19 - 24: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 25: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. October 26: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 27-29: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

\*October 29th: 24-hour voting at seven locations

October 30: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

El Franco Lee Community Center - Auditorium 9500 Hall Road, Houston, 77089

Harris County Scarsdale Annex - Room D 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, 77089





#### NOTICE - CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE

November 03, 2020 - General and Special Elections

AVISO - CAMBIO DE CASILLA ELECTORAL

03 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2020 - Elecciones Generales Y Especiales THÔNG BÁO - SƯ THAY ĐÓI ĐIA ĐIỂM BẦU CỬ

NGÀY 03 THÁNG 11, 2020 - Các Cuộc Tổng Tuyến Cử Và Bầu Cử Đặc Biệt

公告 – 投票所地點更改

2020年11月3日 - 普選與特選

0537

POLL CODE: Código de casilla electoral:

Mã Số Phòng Phiếu: 投票所代碼: **Bella Vita Clubhouse Retirement** Community

1548 B North Riviera Circle, Houston, TX 77581-5261

#### POLLING PLACE HAS MOVED TO:

Centro de votación se ha trasladado a: Đia điểm bầu cử đã chuyển sang: 投票所地點已移至:

POLL CODE:

0537

Código de casilla electoral: Mã Số Phòng Phiếu: 投票所代碼:

Weber Elementary School

VOTING AREA:

Gvm

Área de votación: Khu Vực Bầu Cử: 投票所地點

11955 Blackhawk Boulevard

Houston, TX 77089

POLL CODE:

0545

Código de casilla electoral: Mã Số Phòng Phiếu: 投票所代碼:

**EV129S - Harris County Scarsdale Annex** 

VOTING AREA:

Área de votación: Khu Vực Bầu Cử:

Room D-110

10851 Scarsdale Boulevard

Houston, TX 77089

POLL CODE: 0476

投票所代碼:

投票所地點:

Código de casilla electoral:

Mā Số Phòng Phiếu: Frazier Elementary School PISD

Área de votación: Khu Vực Bầu Cử: 投票所地點:

VOTING AREA: Entrance Near Flagpole

10503 Hughes Road

Houston, TX 77089-4530

Polling locations are subject to change up until Election Day.

Las casillas electorales están sujetas a cambiar hasta el día de las elecciones. Các địa điểm phòng phiếu có thể thay đổi cho đến Ngày Bầu Cử.

投票所地點直至投票日當天都可能會有更改

For More Information, please call: 713-755-6965 Para más información por favor llame al: 713-755-6965 Để biết thêm thông tin, xin gọi số: 713-755-6965

群傳播設置連算: 713-755-6965

#### PLANTS LIFE CYCLES

Plants have a life cycle, just like humans and other animals. The plant life cycle describes the stages the plant goes through from the beginning of its life until the end when the process starts all over again.

#### Seeds

The life cycle of a plant begins with a seed. Some non-flowering plants, such as ferns, begin with spores. You are probably familiar with seeds and may have even eaten a few, such as sunflower or pumpkins seeds.

A seed has a protective coating called the shell. The shell contains everything needed to start a new plant. Inside the seed coating is an embryo, which will become the new plant, and the endosperm, which provides the nutrients for the embryo.

Seeds are dispersed, or spread, in a variety of ways. Some are blown by the wind. Others float on water. Still, others are carried by birds, bees, other insects, or on the fur of animals. Some are even eaten by animals and spread through their waste. And, of course, humans plant seeds for their fruit or to make their lawns attractive.

Once a seed reaches its destination, the next stage of the life cycle begins.

#### Germination

Seeds need four things to grow: oxygen, moisture, sunlight, and the right temperature. When the proper conditions are met for the seed, it will begin to sprout. The roots push their way through the seed coating and begin growing into the soil. This process is called germination.

#### **Seedlings**

A small, fragile young plant called a seedling will then poke its way out of the ground and start growing towards the sunlight. The seedling gets many of the nutrients it needs to grow from the soil through its roots. The seedling also gets nutrients from the sun. A plant's leaves contain a green pigment called chlorophyll. This pigment uses sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to produce energy for the plant in a process called photosynthesis.

#### **Adult Plant**

Photosynthesis helps the seedling grow into a mature plant. The mature plant produces flowers, which ensure that the life cycle continues.

A mature plant has leaves, roots, and a stem. The roots extract nutrients and water from the soil. These are carried to the plant by the stem, which also serves to support the plant. The leaves create energy through photosynthesis.

The flower is the part of a plant needed for reproduction. It is made up of many different parts. The petals are usually bright and colorful for attracting insects to help with the pollination process.

The stamen is the part of the plant that produces pollen. Pollen is a powdery substance, often yellow, that contains half of the genetic material needed to create a new plant.

The stigma is the part of the flower the receives the pollen. It contains the ovules of the plant. The ovules will become seeds when they are fertilized by the pollen.

#### **Pollination**

The process of getting the pollen from the stamen of one plant to the stigma of another is called pollination. Pollen may be carried by the wind, but it is often transported from one flower to another by insects. Some types of bats even help with the pollination process.

Bees, butterflies, and other insects (or bats) are attracted to flowers by the colorful petals. The insects drink the nectar (a sweet liquid) that flowering plants produce. While the insect crawls around the plant drinking the nectar, it gets pollen on its legs and body. When the insect flies to another plant to drink more nectar, some of the pollen from the first plant is deposited onto the second plant.

Remember, pollen contains *half* of the genetic material needed to produce a new plant. The ovules, located in the stigma, contain the other half. When the pollen reaches the ovules of a plant, they are fertilized and become seeds.

Then, the plant's fertilized seeds are dispersed by wind, water, or animals, and the whole process begins again.





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Afraid
Black Cat
Clowns
Eyeballs
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Halloween
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Ghosts Goblins
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Monsters Mummies
Potions Pumpkins
Spells Spirits

Vampire Warlock

Bats

Boo

Cobwebs

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Beware
Broomstick
Coffin
Fog
Graveyard
Hocus Pocus

Hocus Pocus
October
RIP
Spook
Werewolves

Bewitched
Candy
Dracula
Frankenstein
Grim Reaper
Jack O
Lantern
Poltergeist
Skeleton
Trick or Treat

Witches

If you are having problems with your entry or directory code, or would like a new code? Please come by, or call the office. We will be glad to help you.









Our pool will be heated through December 15<sup>th</sup>!!! Please enjoy your swim time for another month!



Homeowners, we are entering into a very contentious election cycle There are specific Texas state statutes which govern the placement of political signs which the HOA cannot override; however, there is also specific language about lewd and offensive language which the signs cannot violate.

We want to be respectful of everyone's right to vote as their conscience dictates, but we also do not want to turn our beautiful community into a warring faction of political ideology that might be different than your own. With that being said 4X6 political signs are allowed in your private yards based on specific state guidelines. Signs placed on common property of BellaVita or street easements are not allowed. If you have placed a sign outside your private property, please remove or it will be removed and properly disposed of.



Chapter 259.002 TEXAS ELECTION CODE

#### FOR EVERYONE'S SAFFTY



TO ENTER THE ANNEX & CLUBHOUSE

#### 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### CITY OF PEARLAND

Thanksgiving Day
November 26, 2020 - Observed Holiday. Service will resume on next scheduled collection day.

Christmas Day

December 25, 2020 - Observed Holiday, Friday recycling customers will be collected on Saturday, December 26, 2020. Waste, bulk and green waste collection will resume on next scheduled collection day.

New Years Day

January 1, 2020 - Observed Holiday. Friday recycling customers will be collected on Saturday, January 2, 2021. Waste, bulk, and green waste collection will resume on next scheduled collection day.

Have Questions?

Our Customer Service Department is here to help. Call 1-800-800-5804, Monday- Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM E-mail us: cssatex@wm.com Find us online: www.wm.com



#### MONITORED) 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..

pool gates. (CAMERA



# BE CONSIDERATE

Please keep the pool gate Closed at all times. The County Ordinance

prohibits the propping open of

When you are finished with the umbrellas at the pool please be sure to put them down.

Thank you for your help!

## Weather

Thu 67° | 51° ▶ 20% Partly Cloudy 10/29

Fri 68° |52° Mostly Sunny 0% 10/30

Sat 72° | 52° ▲ 10% Sunny 10/31

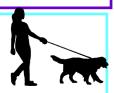
Sun 72° |52° 10% Mostly Sunny 11/1

Mon 72° |53° 10% Sunny 11/2



NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE, ANNEX or on the POOL DECK

Please make sure all Cats and Dogs are on Leashes





Please be considerate and pick up after yourselves when exiting the annex, gym and pool. Please also pick up after you pet.

TAILGATING **GATE CLOSES** AFTER EACH VEHICLE

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

#### **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 of October 5th:

#### **CLUBHOUSE HOURS**

Sunday....Clubhouse Closed

Monday....10a to 7p

Tuesday.....10a to 7p

Wednesday...10a to 7p

Thursday....10a to 7p

Friday.....10a to 7p

Saturday .....10a to 5p

## Please maintain 6 ft. social distancing and wear a mask



## 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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Katy, TX 77449

Ph# 281-870-0585



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Cable-Comcast-Transfer- 855-307-4896

Lawn Care—Rusticscapes - 832-620-6529

Street Light- Center point- 713-207-2222 Opt.5

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