

November 17, 2020

**Election signs must be taken
down 10 days after the
election.**

**Please have election signs
down before Wednesday,
November 18, 2020.**





ANNUAL BELLES HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

It is that time of year again when we count our blessings and take time to consider the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate.

We will be supporting the Christian Helping Hands Food Bank with gift cards. Your contribution of \$5 or \$10 will go a long way in providing food, clothing, temporary housing and prescription drugs. Please consider this worthy cause with a gift card or cards from Walmart, Target, HEB, Kroger or any other grocery store.

Starting November 18, 2020 through December 18, 2020 your cards can be dropped off at the Clubhouse. A box will be in the lobby. If you would like to write a check please make it payable to the Bellavita Belles.

Thank you for your generosity.

Marjorie Parham

Sandra Rodgers

The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q4 2020 Volunteer of the Quarter, Gene Reddell**. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Gene moved to BellaVita in 2003. He has been a long time resident who has been involved in much of the development of the BV community. Gene knows how important it is to get involved as a volunteer. His invaluable service to the community in getting numerous tasks and events executed has made a difference in the lifestyle here.

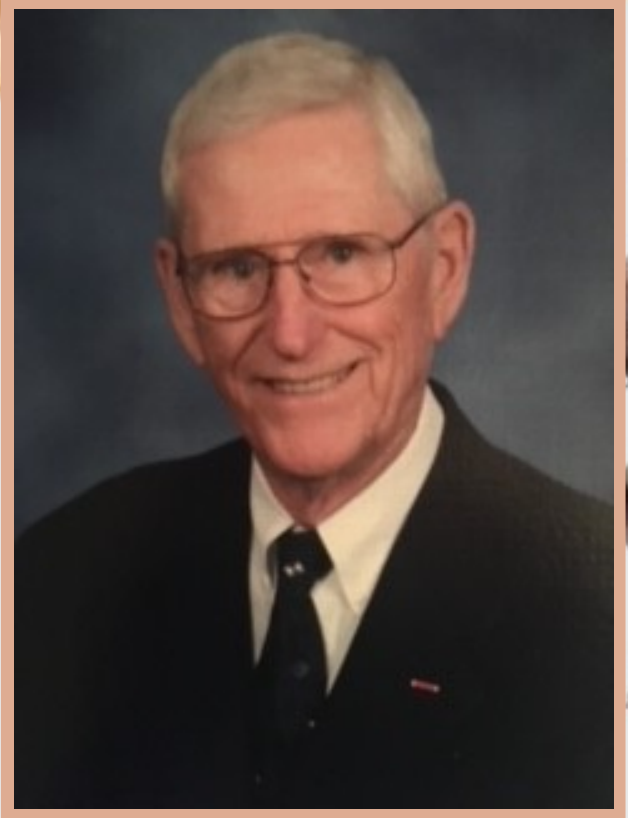
Gene has worked on many committees and projects. As a HOA Election committee member, he has worked with the Board to ensure BV allows residents a voice on who leads our community. He has spent countless hours volunteering as a Block Captain, Men's Club member and Veterans Club Flag Captain. He has served as the Treasurer for the New Year's Eve Annual Event and handles the money for the Veterans Disbursement including monthly meals and chairman of the Memorial Day and Fourth of July Annual events. Gene spent his career as a banker so BV knows who to put in charge of the money! With all this responsibility, Gene will take the time to cook for all clubs, buy the groceries, setup & take down for events. No job is too small for him to chip in. BV has profited greatly from his energy and inspiration.

Something many may not know, Gene is a caring neighbor. At a moment's notice, he has driven neighbors to Doctor appointments and/or the Hospital. Also, sits with the neighbor until family arrives or checking in on neighbors who are ill and unable to leave their homes. In addition to help make BV a caring community, he belongs to the Pearland Citizens Police Academy. Besides staying aware of community safety issues, he has been involved in fundraising for the Citizens Police Academy as well as heading up Toys for Tots for BV.

Gene was honored with the **2016 ROSE Award** (along with Charles Parham) for the Fence Task Force Leadership in 2015. He shows true dedication to our community. He has a winner's attitude and is respected and admired for his outstanding leadership.

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

Sandra Bornstein
Awards Committee Chair






TAILGATING

By definition, “tailgating” means driving too closely behind another vehicle; and/or, gaining unauthorized entry by following someone with authority to enter a secured area.

Sometimes, residents may take it upon themselves to police access by stopping inside the gates to allow them to close behind us. Unfortunately, on the resident gate our EZ tag is sometimes read at different lengths from the gate area. If you are entering the resident gate by use of your EZ tag, it is possible that the car behind you has also activated the reader and the gate will not close behind you.

Tailgating should be considered literally as someone riding on your bumper to gain access. Please help us keep the flow of traffic moving smoothly. Report incidents of tailgating to the office if you believe there has been unauthorized access.

Reports of tailgating have been most prevalent on the visitor entrance and the gate should close behind a vehicle which has gained access by use of remote clicker or code entry.



With the Holidays coming up you may have family and friends coming to your homes. Don't forget to get your Parking Permits at the Clubhouse if parking at the Clubhouse. We offer Day and Overnight Permits. We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, so please come in no later than the day before to get yours.

On Friday October 30th, Margaret "Peg" Iacocca went to join her loving husband Joe in heaven. Her family is deeply saddened about Peg's passing. However, they rejoice in the knowledge that Peg and Joe are once again in each others arms.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to all of their wonderful loving friends and neighbors in Bella Vita. They are truly grateful for all the help, support and love they always gave Peg and Joe

Peg is survived by her daughters: Kim Tepedino and son in law Vincent of NYS. Wendie Dooley and son in law Patrick of MO. Grandchildren include; Jenet, Patrick, Ryan, Victoria, Kristina and Michael. Great-Grandchildren include; Ezra and Emma.



A memorial service will be held at the Friendswoods Methodist Church on December 5th at 10:00 am.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Hospital or St. Jude's Children's Hospital



In loving memory

Margaret T. Iacocca

June 29, 1936 - October 30, 2020

Memorial Service at Friendswood Methodist Church

110 North Friendswood Drive

Friendswood, TX, 77546

At 10:00 am December 5, 2020

CONFESSIONS OF A NON-LIBRARY USER

Yes. There are those among us who do not use our Bella Vita Library. ***I was one of them.***

Before I became a **Library User**, there were several failed attempts. So many books! Picking one was just overwhelming. Especially since I had never been much of a *reader*. But I *wanted* to be a reader. I wanted to be a **Library User**!

It was the question of which book to take that had me stumped. You see, I didn't know much about authors or anything, really. I could see that there were several authors whose books took up a lot of shelf space. But, still, how could I decide? *How did I know what to do? Which book to choose?*

So, I came up with a plan that is working for me. I am now a regular at the Library and my life is much richer for it. I want to share my book-loving secret with you.

(Does that sound like a late-night TV sales pitch or what? But, really, bear with me.)



At the BV Library the **FICTION** sections seemed harmless enough, so I started there. It has been a long time since I was in school, but I do remember my alphabet, so I started with the A's in the HARDBACK FICTION section. I quickly figured out that all of the Fiction books are on the shelves in alphabetic order of the author's last name.

I picked up a few of the books in the A section and read the book jacket to get an idea about what was inside. When I found one that looked interesting to me, THAT one was my choice that day. BUT, just in case I got started reading that one and decided it wasn't for me, I picked out a couple more "A" books.

You may have already guessed where I started my search on the next trip. Right! The "B" section! And I am happy to report that I am now up to selecting one book from each of three alphabet sections. If I decide to not read one of them after all, I just pass over that alphabet section and move on to the next letter next time. When I have completed my first A-Z tour, I'll just start over with the A's.

Now, if FICTION is not your thing, you will need to come up with another plan. Maybe selections by topic instead of author. The BIOGRAPHIES, for example, are in order of the last name of the subject of the biography. HISTORY is by World, US, State, etc. The Biographies and History books are on those free-standing shelves in the middle of the room. Those shelves have LOTS of other neat stuff, too, like Politics/Government, Inspiration, Religion, Humor, etc.

And, hey! I've even gone looking for – and FOUND (it wasn't hard) – some helpful and interesting things in the GARDENING and PETS and ART sections on those shelves. There are even sections with LARGE PRINT books and books in SPANISH.

And on TOP of those free-standing shelves are COLLECTIONS by specific writers and CLASSICS and a whole bunch of READERS DIGEST COLLECTIONS. A bunch of really cool stuff.

Elsewhere there is even a current MAGAZINE rack AND books and games and puzzles for (grand) kids in the CHILDREN's section in its own separate bookcase!

On the racks right at the entrance there are some TRAVEL things and AUDIO BOOKS, too! I've borrowed those for road trips a couple of times.

Other offerings include MOVIES and MUSIC and MAGAZINES and PUZZLES, etc. How cool is that?

2021 Bellavita Belles Elections of Officers:

Nominating Committee: Juanita Davis, Chairman & Committee Members: Karen Wiggins, Beverly Francis

Request: We as officers have so much unfinished business due to COVID19 we would like to keep our positions for 2021. All of our plans were set in place for the entire year so we would like the opportunity to continue with our plans and committees for 2021 and will be working off the same budget as 2020. We will turn in our willingness to serve forms so we can move forward. Thanks for your consideration.

Kay Simpson, President

Marjorie Parham, Vice President

Suzanne Matocha, Secretary

Tommie Johnson, Treasurer

FICTION OR FACT ?

LUCKY YOU!

YOUR **BELLA VITA LIBRARY**
HAS BOTH.

AND THAT ISN'T EVEN COUNTING
THE JUST PLAIN **FUN STUFF!**

FICTION: Hardbacks and Paperbacks on separate shelves along the walls.

FACT: Just to name a FEW, Biography, History, Government, Gardening, Sports . . . These and many others are on the free-standing shelving.

FUN STUFF: Jig Saw Puzzles, Movies, Music, Children's books and puzzles and games, Magazines, and a **WHOLE** lot more. These are all over the place! They're not hiding, so go find them!

IT'S YOUR LIBRARY. COME AND ENJOY!



HUD AGE SURVEY

Thank you to the 69% of residents of BellaVita who have submitted their age surveys!

Question from Homeowners: Why are we collecting this information?

Answer: If we do not hold the percentage set forth by the Federal Fair Housing Act (1988) we could become ineligible to claim that we are, in fact, an over 55 community.

What could happen? Worst case scenario, we could lose the ability to restrict the home purchases in BellaVita to those who are over the age of 55 even though our documents are geared for an over 55 community. I do not think any of us are ready for that young family with 3 minor children to move into our community. We all lived in such a community when our children were young and have chosen to live the more restricted life offered in an over 55 community.

The HOPA (Housing for Older Persons act of 1995) allows us to “discriminate” (as to age only) against younger folks who like the neighborhood and want to move in. If we do not keep accurate records and/or be able to prove that we are over 55 by the proper percentage then we could lose that federal designation and it would be extremely difficult to recoup.

So – please help us by getting the rest of our age surveys submitted for recording. If you have a neighbor who has not participated or is unable to do so, please discuss with them. The office staff are available to assist and you can also verify and serve as a witness to those residents who might be unable to come to the office or use electronic submission.



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.

The **FIRST** person to answer **ALL** of the questions correctly
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. Fountains shall be limited to how many feet above natural grade of the lot in front and side yards?
2. Are individual basketball goals permitted?
3. How many cameras are at the gate house?

Gratitude Challenge



Tuesday 11/17: Take a moment to invite someone you're thankful for to dinner.

Wednesday 11/18: Pause before your next meal to sit in gratitude. Notice how yummy it looks and smells, and feel grateful to the person who prepared it (especially if it was you.).

Thursday 11/19: Think of someone whose cooking warms your soul and tell them how much their nourishment has meant to you.

Friday 11/20: During your next meal, try to put your fork down between each bite and really enjoy the flavors, rather than wolfing it down.

Saturday 11/21: Take 2 minutes to reflect and write about how you feel after participating in this challenge. Then, keep the 'tude going all year long!

Sunday 11/22: Write a list of things you admire about a person then give it to them.

Monday 11/23: Challenge yourself to think of 3 good things about a person you don't get along with.



Fun Activities



J A R D U P B A S E B A L L K P G B D L
 F W F J C K V Y U H K M G U W C S A G M
 G A C X U J G J N O I O K Q A O O L M V
 S L J I M O H D A D M K J M H A F L C V
 O K U O B G U J G A A V I V H P T E V Z
 C I L U J W U R S I A N B N D L B T R O
 C N L B O S M R O A E P C N G N A H U G
 E G F W E I G H T L I F T I N G L R N J
 R U U G T J V M U S L L I D N R L U N B
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 A O G Q U U V Y V S E I R N M J S I N S
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ROLLERBLADING

WEIGHTLIFTING

WRESTLING

SWIMMING

KICKBALL

SOFTBALL

FOOTBALL

BOATING

DANCING

SAILING

BASEBALL

SKATING

RUNNING

BOWLING

TENNIS

HIKING

WALKING

SKIING

BIKING

SOCCER

BALLET





Give thanks and pass the dessert.

Cinnamon-spiced pecan and cranberry duff

Ingredients

pecan halves 75g
butter 220g
cranberries 300g
demerara sugar 50g
eggs 2, large
golden caster sugar 200g
plain flour 140g
fine salt 1/2 tsp
ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp
orange 1, zested to serve
ice cream to serve

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Meanwhile, toast the pecans in a hot, dry pan until they smell nutty. Generously butter the bottom and sides of a 18-20cm square baking dish or tin.

STEP 2

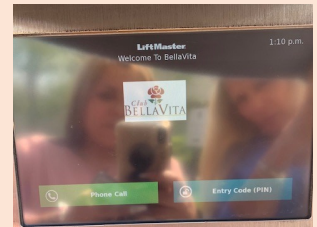
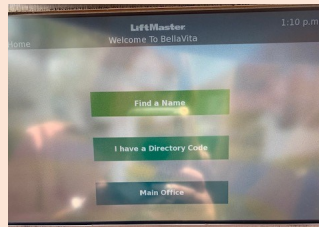
Line the base of the dish with the pecan halves and cranberries and scatter with demerara sugar. Melt the remaining butter in the microwave or a small pan. Beat the eggs and caster sugar together with an electric whisk or stand mixer for a minute or so until pale and slightly thickened. Carefully fold in the dry ingredients with a large metal spoon, followed by the melted butter.

STEP 3

Pour the batter over the top of the fruit and bake for about 50-60 minutes until the top is golden brown and a skewer in the middle comes out clean. Allow to cool slightly, then run a palette knife along the edge to loosen, and carefully turn on to a serving plate. Grate the orange zest over the top and serve warm cut into wedges with ice cream if you like.



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.



Guess what?



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

CHILDREN'S POOL HOURS

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY ADULT

- Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 6 PM
- Children's safety noodles are only allowed
- Saturday & Sunday 1 - 6p.m.
- Children in Diapers must wear swimming diapers

Please note: Floats are not permitted in the pool per BellaVita Rules and Regulations, Section 15; L. However, flotation noodles are permitted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Please note that 10 guests per HOUSEHOLD are allowed to join you at the



Rusticscapes has started their winter schedule, every other week.



FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY



PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK 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

YOUR GULF COAST WEATHER AUTHORITY		FOX26		PEARLAND, TX 🔍	
WEATHER					
Tue 11/17	Sunny	74° 47°	🌧️	0%	
Wed 11/18	Sunny	75° 54°	🌧️	0%	
Thu 11/19	Sunny	78° 61°	🌧️	0%	

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



Weather

BE CONSIDERATE


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

Thank you for your help!

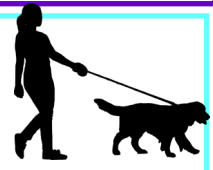
Fri 11/20	Partly Cloudy	79° 65°	🌧️	10%	
Sat 11/21	Mostly Cloudy	80° 65°	🌧️	20%	
Sun 11/22	Sctd Showers	76° 57°	🌧️	30%	
Mon 11/23	Mostly Cloudy	69° 60°	🌧️	30%	

NO PETS

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



Please make sure all Cats and Dogs are on Leashes



NOTICE

HELP KEEP THIS PLACE CLEAN




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

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

NO TAILGATING

STOP GATE CLOSSES AFTER EACH VEHICLE



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.



KEEP CALM We've EXTENDED HOURS

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

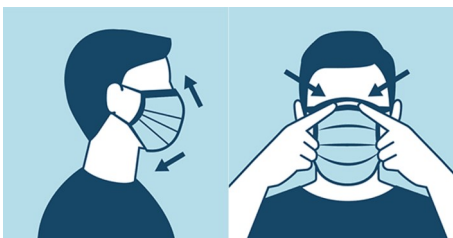
Wednesday...10a to 7p

Thursday....10a to 7p

Friday.....10a to 7p

Saturday10a 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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