

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday-28

10a Getaway Trip Sign
Up

11a Chair Exercise-BR

1p Shanghai-Ax

1p Games Day-Ax

1p Duplicate Bridge-BR

4:30p Poker-Variou

6:30p Water Aerobics



Wednesday-29

8a Water Aerobics

10a Fitness

1p Canasta-BR

1p Sewing Group

3:30p Line Dancing

6:45p **BUNCO-BR**

Thursday-30

10a Walk Aerobics-BR

11a Chair Exercise-BR

1p A.Mah-Jongg-Ax

1p Bridge-BR

1p Poker-Variou

6:30p Water Aerobics

7p Games Night/42-
BR



Friday-31

8a Water Aerobics

10a Fitness-BR

1p Rummikub

1p Art Group

Saturday-01

10a Walk Aerobics

7p **Play & Karaoke-TEC**

Sunday-02

4p Zumba-BR

Monday-03

**LABOR DAY-
CLUBHOUSE CLOSED**



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August 28, 2018 Weekly Newsletter



FROM THE BOARD

By Connie Harry, President

Apparently, there is some confusion regarding the services under the Rusticscapes contract. I apologize if I have not been clear on the terms in which Rusticscapes returned to be our landscaping contractor.

As we all are very aware, the Maldonado services had become untenable and a solution was sought. Rusticscapes agreed to assume landscaping duties based on the price remaining on the Maldonado contract for 2018. As part of the negotiations, there were certain services which we were not able to include.

There was a tremendous backlog of service orders that Rusticscapes has been able to work through and are now current. Because of the short notice to assume these duties and the backlog, it was announced at the Homeowner forum and again in the June board meeting that the following services would not be included. My efforts to publish this information in newsletter article apparently was misinterpreted by some. The following services are not available under the Rusticscapes contract:

No add-on services available through the balance of 2018;

No weeding of backyards: only mow, weed eat and blow; Backyard services are a homeowner contract with the landscaper.

No irrigation services for backyard unless the damage caused by Rusticscapes;

No gutter cleaning included. \$35.00 charge to homeowners as scheduled directly with Rusticscapes.

Again, I am sorry for any confusion relating to this matter. The Board has worked diligently to ensure the return of good and qualified landscaping services to BellaVita and I think that we can all see a positive improvement as Rusticscapes catches up. Please remember though that the landscaping services are for "bulk" services and are not individualized landscape services as you might hire independently.



The
Bridge
Over Troubled Waters



Celebrating

40 years
1978
2018

Our Mission:

Offer support, provide
safety, and prevent
domestic and sexual
violence.

Sponsored by the Belles Club

SHELTER NEEDS

Washcloths

Bras (new, all sizes) & underwear (child & adult sizes)

Pull-Ups (size 5 & 6)

Cleaning rags/Supplies

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned fruit

Canned Green Veggies

Coffee Creamer

Plastic Ziploc Storage Bags/Utensils

Tuna/Chicken packs

Crackers

Child friendly snacks

Fruit Cups

We are collecting these items throughout **August & September.**

Please leave your donation in the clubhouse lobby.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.



The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q3 2018 Volunteer of the Quarter, Bernie Bouman**. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Bernie Bouman joined the Facilities Committee in early 2017. Since joining he has gone above and beyond what a volunteer would normally do. He is mild mannered and takes his responsibilities very seriously. Bernie is on call for the staff for any issues that may arise with the pool. WOW a volunteer on call that really says a lot about Bernie and his dedication to Bellavita.

He spends countless hours monitoring the Bellavita pool and spa equipment to ensure all residents can enjoy spending time in the pool, be it exercise or just hanging out with family and friends. Bernie has been instrumental in working with Miller Pool to keep all aspects of the pool and spa operational.

Bernie is a great asset to the Facilities Committee as well as the entire community. Also, he is volunteering at Men's Club events, Veterans flag team, as well as participating as a waiter at the Belles Tea. He even offered his theatrical talents, by participating in the annual play in 2017! If you didn't see, he really stole the show, Oh, Flapjacks! Adding to his credits, he assisted in the construction of the set and props for the Pearland HS musicals Pippin and Shrek. The Shrek musical won a Tommy Tune award for best set design.

Although his primary goal is the pool, he has been available to help the staff with gate issues, etc. The staff, the Board and residents sing his praises on how they rely on him. He has done a terrific job. Thank you Bernie Bouman for all your hard work. Please congratulate Bernie on his outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein
Awards Committee Chair



Last weeks' bridge scores are as follows:

Monday, August 20, (Party Bridge)
Scores Not Available

Tuesday, August 21, (Duplicate Bridge)

North/South

1st Lyle Ganucheau - Tom Zimmerman
2nd Carol Grisanti - Pat Molloy

East/West

1st Nina Martin - Jane Peterson
2nd David Dommert - Jean Foltz

Thursday, August 23, (Duplicate Bridge)

North/South

1st Lyle Ganucheau - Gail McCullah
2nd Linda Aaron - Carolyn Beeson

East/ West

1st Jean Foltz - Ann Sharp
2nd Theresa Devereux - Carol Grisanti

Party Bridge is played on Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Experienced players do not need a partner to play but must sign up in advance by calling Ruben or Pat Castillo.

Duplicate Bridge is played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM and a partner is required. Partners must sign up in advance and may do so by calling Lyle Ganucheau



SIGN UP FOR KARAOKE BEGINNING

AUGUST 20TH

Karaoke singing will begin after the play and refreshments on **SEPTEMBER 1ST.**

MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE PLAY @ 7PM



Mistletoe Market

Save the Date

Saturday, Oct 6, 2018 10 AM to 4 PM

Over 70 Vendors!

Watch for more information!



August 29th @ Clubhouse

6:45pm-9pm

(start at 7pm)

Play \$5 per person

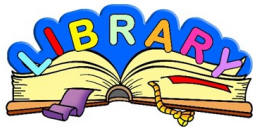
Belle's Meeting

September 5, 2018 at 7pm in the BV Ballroom

Katie and Shannon will be present for Townsquare Q&A for anyone who needs assistance.



STRONG



Are you enjoying the "new" Bella Vita Library?

If you haven't visited recently, please check it out!

And before you go, check your own bookshelves for any **LARGE PRINT BOOKS** that you'd consider donating.

The shelves could also use **BOOKENDS** if you'd care to share.

Just place any donations on the *cabinet at the Library*

Entrance



Karaoke IS BACK

Following the TEC production of "Louder, I Can't Hear You", on Sept. 1, There will a Karaoke free-for-all. This is not a contest, but an occasion for anyone who likes to sing to bring their CD and let the world know just how good they are or just to have fun. If you are in need of music, contact me at ezlife71@comcast.net; a certain source says she has a lot of karaoke CD's that she could make available. I know of several BellaVitians who are looking forward to this.

You must purchase a ticket to the play to participate; but that is great deal since \$10.00 gets you a play, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and karaoke. If you enjoy karaoke, we may make this a usual event, depending on the participation

September 1st.

Book Review Group

Date: September 13, 201

Time: 1PM

Where: Annex (round table room)

Book: The Stars Are Fire: A Novel

BY: Anita Shreve

TEC Presents.....

**LOUDER, I
CAN'T HEAR
YOU!**



\$10

**Refreshments and hors
d'oeuvres will be served!
Followed by Karaoke**

**September 1st, 2018
7:00PM Curtain**

DRINK OF THE WEEK: Orange Creamsicle Cocktail

If you liked Orange Creamsicles as a kid, try this Orange Creamsicle for adults!

Easy to make, this creamy and smooth cocktail is simply delicious.

Prep Time: 3 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 oz Orange Soda Pop
- 1 oz Whipped Cream Flavored Vodka
- 1 TBSP Sweetened Condensed Milk
- Whipped Cream
- Sprinkles

Directions:

- Add ice to a low-ball style cocktail glass.
- Add orange soda pop, whipped cream flavored vodka, and sweetened condensed milk; stir gently. Do not over-stir or you will lose the carbonated bubbles
- Top with whipped cream.
- Garnish with sprinkles.



New



Choir Members
Welcome!

As we begin practicing for our 6th Annual Holiday performance, we are looking forward to once again working with our old friends, and welcoming new ones. All Bellavita residents are invited to come join us in this holiday tradition.

Our first two practices, Sept. 10 & 17, will be to organize and preview our music. We will begin our weekly rehearsals on Monday, October 8th and continue through December 10. All practices will be held in the Ballroom from 7:00 – 9:00PM. The performance will be in the Bellavita Clubhouse Ballroom on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:00PM. There is a \$10.00 music fee.

If you have questions, contact Linda Stanton at 281-844-5984 or Kathy Wright at 281-382-9568.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

Saturday, 9.15.2018

-Sponsored by That's Entertainment Club-

Featuring: Darwin Macon Band

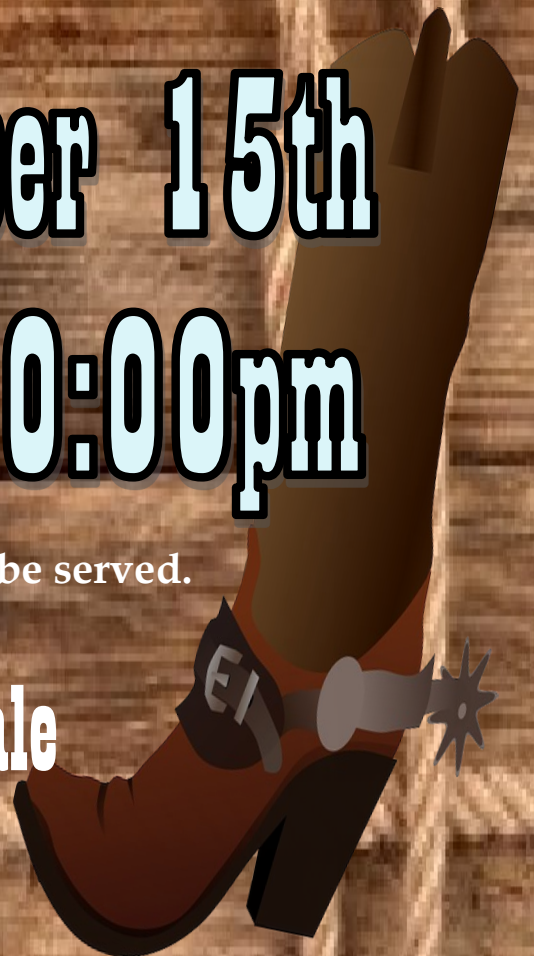
Saturday, September 15th

6:30pm to 10:00pm

Bar B Q Sandwiches will be served.

Tickets on sale

\$12

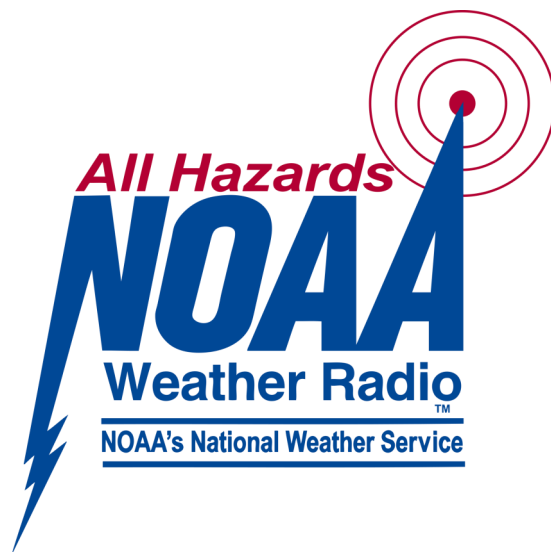
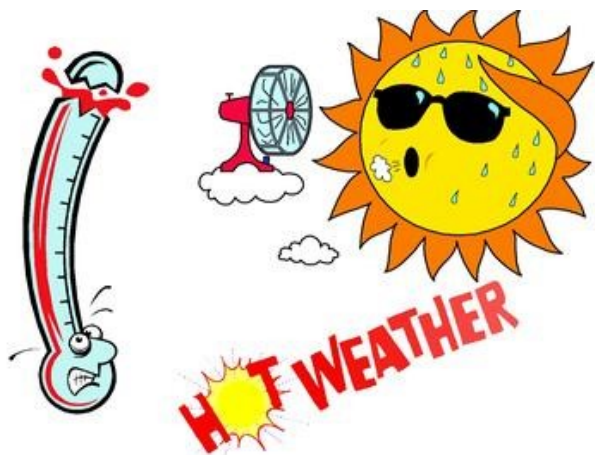


CRUCIAL!!

TIPS FOR SURVIVING OUR SUMMER HEAT

- Never leave children or pets alone in hot vehicles—even for a second.
- Stay inside during the hottest part of the day (10 A.M to 4 P.M.) and limit time outside in the Sun. Avoid strenuous activity and postpone outdoor games and events.
- Stay in a well-ventilated area with fans. Keep shades and blinds closed.
- Stay hydrated with plenty of water—even if you're not thirsty. Don't drink alcohol, sugary soda or drinks, or other caffeinated beverages, as they will only make dehydration worse.
- Eat small meals and eat more often.
- Use sunscreen and wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and a hat made of breathable material.
- During Extreme Heat, tune to a [NOAA radio station](#) and listen for weather updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Visit air-conditioned public spaces such as malls, movie theaters, and libraries to keep cool.
- Check on family and friends who are more susceptible, especially if they may have lost A/C.
- Keep your pets indoors and make sure they have access to a cool space and plenty of water.
- If you feel overheated, cool off with wet washcloths, fans, and a cool sponge bath or shower.

Too hot at the house? Go to the library or a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).



MOSQUITO PREVENTION CHECKLIST

What You Need to Know

Hot weather and standing water come with significant nuisances related to pest control. One of the most dangerous and annoying pests that need control in Houston are mosquitoes. Bringing deadly diseases at worst and itchy bites at best, mosquitoes can be prevented and managed through basic diligence and access to professional pest control services. Three forms of mosquito control include preventing breeding sources, protecting yourself, and caring for your community.

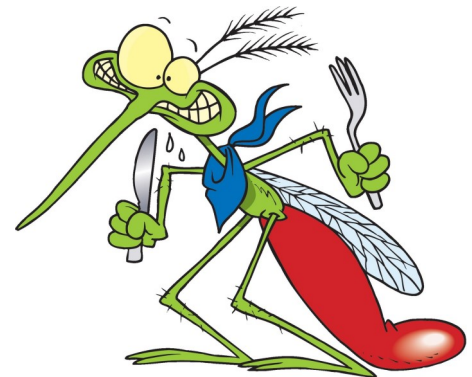
Prevent Breeding Sources Mosquitoes breed prolifically, laying eggs and developing colonies at a rapid rate. Because mosquito larvae need still water to survive, any area on your property with standing water acts as a perfect home for mosquitoes to grow their families. One of the main objectives for mosquito control and prevention is getting rid of standing water.

Protect Yourself-Even with a significant amount of breeding prevention, it's impossible to keep your property completely mosquito free. Install screens or repair holes in existing screens, keep landscape plants, trees, and shrubs trimmed, avoid times when mosquitoes are most active, such as dawn or dusk, and wear DEET spray repellent, along with long sleeves, long pants, and light colors in the evening.

Care For Your Community Your neighborhood or community may be at risk of breeding or hosting mosquito colonies. Watch out for these situations in your area. Report disruptions in nature that may cause mosquito problems such as green or abandoned swimming pools, hot tubs, or other bodies of standing water, pick up litter that may collect water, and keep your neighborhood clean.



For a copy of the complete
check list, visit
www.cycreekpestcontrol.com



It's that time again, School is back in session. Please ensure when driving you obey the school speed limits, stop when the bus stops, etc. Please read below.

School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children



Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.





It's NEW! It's CHALLENGING!

It's SHANGHAI !!!

Tuesdays at 1PM in the Annex.

Singles and couples are welcome. There are no partners in **Shangai**. Just bring \$1.00 for the kitty and 13 dimes you will use as you play.

Please call or email Mary Ann Kane to indicate your interest. And please let me know if you already know how to play.

Home Phone: 346-570-5976

Cell Phone: 713-304-5516

Email: maryannkane611@gmail.com



ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

Diane Nicolas is Chair on the Grounds Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding landscaping issues please contact:

Shannon Boogades at the Clubhouse by calling (281)464-3150 or by her by email at:

Shannon.Boogades@inframark.com

Clubhouse

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

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Sunday....12p to 6p

Monday....11a to 10p

Tuesday.....10a to 10p

Wednesday...10a to 10p

Thursday....10a to 10p

Friday.....10a to 6p

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.** Also, the doors have just been refinished and painted please refrain from pounding on the doors. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Clubhouse Management

Gentle Chair

Exercise Class

(Mary Wilson's Sit & Be Fit)

11 am Tuesdays and Thursdays in
the ballroom on the big screen.



MORNING WATER AEROBICS

During the Month of June:

8AM-9AM

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

EVENING WATER AEROBICS

6PM

MON.-TUES.-THURS.

FYI: During water aerobics classes, the pool is for those participating in water aerobics only. Free-swim will be postponed until the class has ended. Please be advised that leaving the pool gates propped open is against the Harris County Code enforcement . Please do not prop pool gates open with **ANYTHING.** BellaVita can and will be cited for this if discovered.



CHILDREN'S SWIM HOURS

TUESDAY&THURSDAY 3PM-6PM

SATURDAY&SUNDAY 1PM-6PM

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

We are moving forward and will no longer be sending out e-blasts. All normal e-blast information will come from Townsquare. Please make sure to register or come to the front desk for assistance.

There is no longer a guest fee to enter the pool. All guests **MUST** be accompanied by a resident and follow pool rules or you will be asked to leave. All visitors **MUST** sign in at the front desk and obtain a wrist band prior to entering the pool. **NO** swimming off of the waterfall is allowed.



ARC FORMS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

The ARC forms required for requests for home improvements are available at the BellaVita website and also on Townsquare.

For the BellaVita website go to :

HOA and then click on
FORMS.

TREASURE BOX

The Treasure Box is now accepting all donations for our Charity Event at the Mistletoe Market. We appreciate all the donations we have received in the past, but know that many of you will be involved in Spring Cleaning and need space for all of those items you continue to purchase. There is also a need for boxes for packing our items. Home décor, dishes, flatware, purses, jewelry, holiday decorations, tools, BASKETS, etc. are great. We do not accept electronics. **Gini Dunnage is no longer accepting TREASURE BOX DONATIONS.**

To drop off items, contact:

Carolyn Beeson

2303 Tuscany Ct.

832-328-0921



CARPOOL



Residents must obtain parking permit for each vehicle. Parking permits can be obtained at the Front Desk in the Clubhouse. Car pool cars should park in the back of the parking lot furthest from the Clubhouse.

Getaway Trip

Date: September 27, Thursday

To: Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Hindu Temple)

“A Mandir is a place of paramount peace....to realize God.”

Location: Stafford, TX

Lunch: Cleburne Cafeteria (Not included)

After Lunch: Cockrell Butterfly Center

Be at the clubhouse at 8:15 a.m.

Cost: \$25 – Lunch is **Not** Included

Return at 4:30

Important Info.

NO shoes are allowed in the Temple.

Please wear socks and slip on shoes (or shoes that you can get off and on easily)

Sign up August 28th (Tuesday) from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.



An Honored Request.....

The "Hands of Love Stitchers" recently received an unusual request - a quilting group from Georgia had just finished a Quilt of Valor for a special recipient who lives in Pearland. They contacted us to see if we would be willing to surprise him with the presentation of the quilt! If we were, they would send the quilt to us for the presentation. We said we'd love to! WOW! What an honor!

The special recipient is Sgt. Richard Green of the U.S. Army. Richard joined the military 12/16/02, and was deployed to the Talil Airbase in Iraq from 12/03 - 2/05. His second deployment sent him to Camp Arisjan in Kuwait in 11/06 - 11/07.

Throughout his military career Richard has worked as a 92A Automated Logistics Specialist. He is currently the Senior NCOIC of Operations stationed with the 1-289TH at Ellington Airfield in Texas. Over his military career he has received many accolades: including Soldier of the Month; Soldier of the Quarter; Four Army Accommodation Medals; and his most prized possession, awarded in 9/07, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award. Richard has earned 6 Combat Patches, 1ST Infantry Division, 2nd ACR, 13COSCOM, SDDC, 377th Theater Support Command and 81st Regional Support Command. In 1/18 Richard completed training of NCO Battle Staff. He is currently enrolled to begin classes with Perdue University in October to complete a degree in Logistics. He has been accepted for E8 Promotion Board and will be mobilizing with his current unit to El Paso, Texas in September.



This is a very special quilt - Richard's mother-in-law is a member of the Georgia quilting group who pieced the quilt. She created a very special backing with the Army insignia, the US flag, and an embroidered a quote from Audie Murphy about freedom and America. In addition, she did the quilting and binding! Truly, every stitch in this quilt was a labor of love!

We'd like to thank the Bellavita Veteran's Club - their help was invaluable to keeping the secret! Their role was to invite Richard to their monthly meeting under the guise of thanking our sewing group for the Quilts of Valor we have made! Our plan was successful - and the recipient was speechless! Shown below is Sgt. Richard Green with his beautiful Quilt of Valor and Bellavita sewing group member, Joan Cummings, who made the presentation on August 15, 2018.

Mistletoe Market Quilt - Ticket Sales

Great opportunities to purchase your winning raffle ticket! The "Hands of Love Stitchers" will be selling advance tickets for the Mistletoe Market Raffle Quilt at two upcoming Bellavita events!

If you are planning to attend the TEC production of "Louder, I Can't Hear You!" on September 1st **OR** the Country Western Dance on Saturday, September 15, 2018, you'll have a wonderful opportunity to purchase your raffle tickets prior to each of these events! **Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00!** Advance tickets are also available from sewing group members and at the Mistletoe Market on October 6th.



Enjoy these special events and take advantage of the quilt raffle advanced ticket sales! An early bird just may get the winning ticket...



We as a BellaVita family are always saddened by the news of one of our own passing. The Bereavement Committee of the Belles Club works diligently to assist with the food needs for a memorial for the family and friends when the event is held at our clubhouse. The staff stands ready to assist with all needs for table set ups, audio and visual and other requirements.

It is imperative that a family member work with the staff to schedule a date for the memorial, sign forms for insurance purposes, and arrange for food assistance. There are many events held in the clubhouse daily and arrangements must be made for cancellation and/or relocation of these events and notice to all participants.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

-Management

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.



Front Door Maintenance

Your HOA dues includes having your front door maintained every two 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 total cost of \$350. You will be responsible for a portion of the refinishing, depending on whether or not you need a weather strip. We will pay a maximum of \$130 (the cost to the HOA of a normal maintenance including a weather strip) and you will be responsible for the rest. So it will pay to have the work done every two years – and you are entitled to it. **Call the Front Desk (281-464-3150) and ask to have a Work Order made for “Door Maintenance”** if it’s been two years since it has been done.



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.**

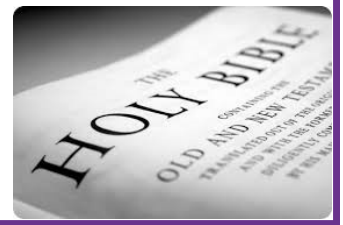
All specialty papers are to be provided by the requester.

The Service Desk will provide the following FAX, Notary and copy services:

- Sending local Faxes – no charge
- Long distance faxes - \$1 for each page
- 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 when a Notary is available. Notary services are for residents only.

Copy Services – 10 cents per page up to 25 pages and 25 cents per page over 25 pages.

Bible Study
Will resume in September.
Led by: Dennis Wilson



Rummikub
Fridays @ the Clubhouse
1P
Lots of fun! Good brain exercise!
Come join us!



ASIAN MAH-JONGG

Come and join us on Thursdays at 1PM in the Annex. If you are interested and want me to get a group of newbies together to learn as a group,
Contact: Linda Mulholand-at 713-309-5998

Canasta every Wednesday, 1 PM. New players are always welcomed. Come have fun & fellowship with a great group of residents! Call:

Linda Mulholand at 713-309-5998
for more info.

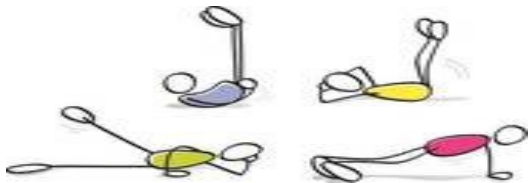
Walking
Aerobics



Thursdays and Saturdays
@ 10am

FITNESS CLASS

We meet on: Monday @ 11AM, Wednesday @ 10AM and Friday @ 10AM. See you there!



Zumba Gold!

Sunday's at 4PM in the Ballroom. See you there!



(4:30pm on BINGO
Sunday)

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:



NO PETS ARE
ALLOWED IN THE
CLUBHOUSE.

ATTN: RESIDENTS

The Community Manager email address is:

Shannon.Boogades@inframark.com

Please send all important information to the above email address.

If you have information for the newsletter please send that information to:

maintenance@club-bellavita.org.

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!



The BellaVita Clubhouse Committee would like to remind everyone that any equipment or furnishings cannot be removed from the clubhouse for your private use. This includes all decorations and any items from the Clubhouse closets. There have even been incidents when residents have borrowed items that were never returned.

In the Clubhouse Rules and Regulations on Page 14, it states:

“No equipment and/or furnishings may be removed from the Clubhouse for private use.”



2022 West Grand Parkway



North, Ste 100

Katy, TX 77449
Ph# 281-870-0585

COMCAST Hotline!!

For ordering, billing, and
technical support inquiries,
call 855-307-4896



Just a reminder:

Cats are subject to the same leash law as dogs in the City of Pearland. If you are aware of one running loose please call the City Animal Service Dept. @ 281-652-1970.



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.

Cars left in the clubhouse parking lot without permission **WILL BE TOWED**. Residents may come to the front desk and receive a parking permit 2 nights per month in order to leave their car in the clubhouse parking lot.
Thank you.



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