

This Week:

Tuesday—15

10a Bible Study
10a Chair Exercise
1p Games Day
1p Duplicate Bridge
6:30p Poker Night
7p BUNCO

Wednesday—16

10a Yoga
1p Canasta
1p Sewing Group
3p Beg. Line Dancing
7p Veterans Meeting

Thursday—17

10a Chair Exercise
10a Bridge Lessons
1p Duplicate Bridge
1p Poker
5p 42 Dominos
6p Advisory Meeting
7p Games Night
7p Evening Bridge

Friday—18

10a Art Group
10a Yoga
1p Stained Glass Lessons
1p Rummy Q
7p Action Movie & Pizza Night

Saturday—19-Flags Up

10a-2p SHRED DAY
10a Yoga
10a Group Personal Training
2p Dog Class
7p Valentine Party

Sunday—20

Open Recreation

Monday—21-President's Day

11a Yoga
11a Mah-Jongg
1p Pearland Bowling
1p Spades
4p Int. Line Dancing
7p Square Dancing
7p Dining Out

Election Countdown

Many thanks to those that sent in their Willingness to Serve form. Residents will be receiving the second "election packet" the latter part of this week. This packet will include notice of the annual meeting and information regarding the candidates. Should you not receive a packet, kindly contact Carol Barber at (281) 464-3310.

Weekly Announcements

February 15, 2011

Club
BELLAVITA

"It's Not Just a Candlestick"

Saturday, February 26th

1 pm - 3 pm BV Clubhouse

Talented Decorator/Designer Billy J Marberry will introduce BV residents to his creative decorating style from working with a simple candlestick to working with an entire estate. Billy has been in the business for over 20 years and has clients from Texas to California. He is also an accomplished musician. He is a master of antiques and collectibles. Join in for an afternoon of creativity, laughter, and fun. Some special surprises for BV residents will be included.

A delicious lunch will be catered by the Charleston Tea House so bring your appetite.

A good turnout is in the making. Tickets are open to BV residents and non resident guests. Purchase them for \$8.00 each at the front desk or from Sue Steik (*the ticket lady*) 281-464-9454.



"SHRED DAY"

Saturday, Feb. 19th 10am to 2pm

Bring all your old papers and files to the mobile shredding unit for FREE!!!



IRON MOUNTAIN



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BellaVita Veterans will have their first flag showing of 2011 in honor of President's Day later this month. Flags go up on Feb 19 and down on Feb 22. If you have not yet renewed your subscription, be sure and do so before the 15th to make sure your flag is showing that weekend. Take your check to the clubhouse. If you have moved in since Jan 1 of this year, your subscription is free for the year and you should automatically get a flag.

We will be showing more than 700 flags on holidays this year. Make sure you are included.



Action Movie Night

Friday,

**February 18th,
@ 7PM**

**Pizza will be
ordered**

BRIDGE NEWS:

Several bridge players in the past few weeks have asked this writer to gently remind the bridge players of BV to invoke the first rule of bridge. The first rule of bridge is "courtesy". Bridge is a social game especially here in BV where we enjoy playing with our friends and neighbors. True, we are all trying to do our best. No one comes to the table intending to play his/her worst. Drawing attention to a players mistakes is not courteous or appreciated. Let's keep bridge playing "friendly" here in BV.

Tuesday duplicate winners for North and South teams were: Jack Lauber-Joyce Wormser 65pts and Lyle Ganucheau-Rachel Munzenmaier 62.50pts. East and West team winners were: Mike Sanders-Homer Franklin 56.50pts. and Carol Grisanti-Katie Koons 54.50pts.

Thursday duplicate winners for North and South teams were: Marian Osburn-Irene Baker 89pts.; Phyllis Chaney-Sandy Pollard 86.50pts. and Carol Grisanti-Mary Ellen Henry 82pts. East and West winners were: (a tie) Larry Holloway-Joyce Garner 88pts.; Gail McCullah-Ann Sharp tied with 88pts. and Ram Agrawal-Hall Condara 81.14pts.

Thursday evening party bridge winners were: Marc Wormser 4000; Mike Sanders 3590; Joyce Wormser 3290 and Lee Roberts 3220.

Thursday bridge class continues to meet at 10 AM. Please study chapter 7. We will also introduce a new convention.

The entire bridge community of BellaVita extends their condolences to Helen and Homer Franklin upon the death of their son.

See you around the square. Margo Green margog@prodigy.net

Change in BellaVita Resident Yard Mowing

Houston Lawn (Brandon) is making a small change in the mowing schedule for 2011. Yards will be mowed one day earlier in the week. He will alternate days annually, so that everyone has an opportunity to have an attractive yard on the weekend. The schedule is as follows:

If Monday is your regular mowing day, it will now be Thursday.

If Tuesday is your regular mowing day, it will now be Monday.

If Wednesday is your regular mowing day, it will now be Tuesday.

If Thursday is your regular mowing day, it will now be Wednesday.

Friday is a make-up day.

A change in schedule may also occur due to inclement weather. If you have any questions, please call one of the following grounds committee representatives:

Becky Spedden Diane Nicolas Larry Alvarez

Sybil Hewitt Dorothy Darden Donna Ferreri



STAINED GLASS LESSONS



**Starting
Feb. 4th
@ 1pm
Sign Up
At the
Front
Desk**

**The next BVHOA Board Meeting is
Wednesday, February 23rd, @ 3PM**

Let's Talk About Dogs

Do you have a dog? Plan to get a dog? Ever have a doggie visitor at your house?

Do you like to watch dog shows on Animal Planet? Do you know why dogs bark at you when you are out walking? Do you know how to teach them to NOT do that?

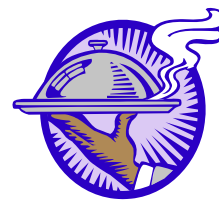
If the subject of dogs interests you in any way, please plan to attend a fun little mini-seminar on DOGS. We'll talk about ownership health, and safety, training, fun stuff to do with dogs, and anything YOU want to learn about ! The session will be conducted by one of our own – BellaVita resident Mickey Kinzer. She is not only a long-time dog owner and enthusiast, but also a trained dog trainer.

Check your calendar now and sign up at the clubhouse front desk for this fun and informative event. When you sign up, there will be a place for you to indicate a subject of your choice – something you would like to hear about at the seminar. We aim to please.

The date is Saturday, February 19th, 2:00 – 3:00 PM. This is a people only session. The pups stay at home for this one. Hope to see you there !

DINING OUT

February 21st at 7:00 PM the Bella Vita Dining Out group will be going to Chuy's Tex Mex Restaurant located at 20975 Gulf Freeway Frontage Road. Good 'Ritas, Good Food (especially the Jalapeno Dip), Good Friends and Good Times. Don't miss out, sign up and come out and join the fun.



BELLA VITA TRAVELERS

Up-Date China Trip Details.

Date of Trip: Oct.6 2011.

Cost of Trip: \$3199.00.

Additional : China Visa \$140.00

Deposit to Secure your Place: \$350 per person

If you have questions please call me @ 281 627 8193 or e mail.

Dotty Raines, Trip Co-Ordinator-

Travelbydotty@yahoo.com



TO ALL BELLAVITA RESIDENTS:

Let's all do something for this beautiful planet that we are blessed to live on. Most of us recycle at home. Some of us have noticed that there is a great deal of recycle materials that are put into the garbage at the Club House after each gathering. (all of this going into land fill). The city does not pick up recyclables at commercial buildings, which the club house is classified as. The City of Pearland has a great recycle center for residents.

Can we get residents to set up recycle bins at club house to collect recyclable materials after functions and volunteers to take it to recycle center?

We can all do our part.

Volunteers can sign up at the front desk

Yea!!!!!! 'That's Entertainment Club' is..... bringing back the popular BellaVita Casual shirts. The tee shirt cost \$15.00 for small to x-large.....\$16.00 for 2x and \$17.00 for 3x and larger.....the popular BellaVita Collared Polo Shirt has the BellaVita embroidered logo and the price is \$25 for all sizes. Both shirts are available in a variety of colors for men and women.

These shirts are perfect for our many group functions and an ABSOLUTE MUST for all BellaVita's new residents. Contact Beverly Blumrick at 281-922-1766 to place your order and Let her help you with your color choices.

TEC (That's Entertainment Club)



UPDATE ON BELLAVITA GETAWAYS

Railean Rum Distillery in San Leon - Friday, February 25

The Getaways February trip will be to the Railean Rum Distillery in San Leon on Friday, February 25. You will meet the founders of RAILEAN Distillers and learn how they got into the rum business and how RAILEAN rum is made. Coined the "original Texas rum," this award-winning rum comes in both a White Rum and a Reserve XO Dark Rum. Included in the tour is a 1/2 oz. tasting serving of each type of rum and a sample of Mrs. Gatti's rum cake made with Railean rum. Cost is \$3.00 which includes the souvenir tasting glass plus the \$4.00 donation to the Harris County Precinct 1 Senior Bus Program. You will be responsible for your lunch cost at the TopWater Grill in San Leon. Patsy Womack will be taking reservations and collecting for this trip on Monday, January 3 from 11:00 a.m - until noon.

OVO Cirque Du Soleil under the Big Top at Sam Houston Race Park - Wed., March 23

The Getaways March trip will be to see the OVO Cirque Du Soleil performance at 8:00 p.m. at the Sam Houston Race Park on Wednesday, March 23. OVO is a headlong rush into a colorful ecosystem teeming with life, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement. The insects' home is a world of biodiversity and beauty filled with noisy action and moments of quiet emotion. We will need a minimum of 20 people to receive the specially priced tickets of \$32. So, the cost of this trip will be \$36 which will include your ticket to the performance and the \$4 donation to the Harris County Precinct 1 Senior Bus Program for our bus trip. Sign up for this trip is Monday, January 3 from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Deadline for purchase of tickets is March 6th.

Saturday Strength Training...



Saturday 10am Fitness Class will start a new session **January 8th-April 2nd**

A 10 week session with 3 days off and 2 Floaters.
\$30/session or \$3/class Payable to Trisha

SQUARE DANCING Like to try something fun that everyone can learn? Want to laugh a lot ? Like music, and a little bit of a challenge? Want to make some new friends?

If so, Square Dancing just might be for you. Lessons will start on Feb 7 and will continue on **Monday nights at 7pm** at the clubhouse.

Not a believer? Ask anyone who has done it. You will hear how much fun it is. The more folks that show up the more fun we have, so if you think you might have any interest at all, please join us and give it a try.

We have an outstanding caller and teacher right here in BellaVita. Dean Crowell is one of the area's best. Dean will make sure that you will learn and enjoy doing it.

Any questions call Dennis Mulcahy or Wayne Johnson





Village Builders warrantee work can be handled through our Customer Care office, the # is 281-922-0544. You can leave a message, or call our Customer Care Coordinator, Veronica Aguilar at 281-874-2953 to schedule warranty issues directly.

The next Advisory Meeting is

Thursday, February 17th @ 6PM

Please e-mail any changes to Calendars to ntriggs@club-bellavita.org

Computer training will be provided this week for residents on how to use the computer to access the BellaVita website and view the various web pages containing useful information. The Clubhouse has acquired 3 new computers and training will be held in 1 hour sessions. If you've already signed up you should be scheduled for training. Anyone else interested in receiving training may sign-up at the front desk. Training days and hours will be scheduled by phone.

The computer room will be CLOSED during lesson times for 1 hour intervals to provide some privacy for students to focus.

Low Stakes..Poker- every Thursday at 1:00

A new poker group is forming. Several Bella Vita residents are interested in starting a daytime, *SMALL STAKES*, poker group.



Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, come join us for an afternoon of fun (cheat sheets allowed). Our objective...to have FUN!



**Award-winning Interior Designer Rita Lane
Event will be at the Village Builders Sales Center**

February 15, 2011 - 11AM to 1PM

A Light Lunch will be served

And there will be a Drawing for Gifts

RSVP is a MUST

281-922-7600



CHAIR EXERCISE

**Meets on Tuesday and Thursday
mornings at 10am.**

Nature Trail Tours

Did you know that there are more than 2 miles of hiking trails in the nature reserve adjacent to BellaVita? Do you know how fortunate we are to have a beautiful piece of property in near-natural state that acts as a buffer between BellaVita and the public areas near Clear Creek? Have you seen the pictures of the abundant wildlife on this property, including coyotes, bobcats, beavers, osprey and many others? Do you know that BellaVita's developer has offered to give us this property and that discussions toward that end are under way?

If not, and you would like to learn more, we are offering some guided tours through the trails over the next few weeks. Tours will be customized as much as possible depending on how far you wish to walk. Please sign up at the desk if you are interested. We will contact you shortly about times and dates. You will be in for a treat!



COMCAST DIGITAL MIGRATION NOTICE

If you do not have a digital box on a television set with standard cable service or higher, you may be at risk of losing channels 21-52 & 56-80. Please call 1- 800-comcast or 1-877-634-4434 to secure two digital adapters today at no cost. You'll also receive more communication from us in the mail in regards to the network enhancement and timing for your area.

When you call Comcast they will want your account number or telephone number and street address. Comcast will mail the adapters by UPS and they should arrive within 5-7 days. The instructions are to install the adapter between the TV and cable connections, then to call Comcast to have them activated. No additional adapter is required for a TV that is already hooked up with the Digital, HD, or DVR box. The adapters are only required if you simply connect to cable with no box or adapter. If you need more than two adapters they will charge \$1.99/month for each additional adapter.

Feb 22 is the day this digital migration will be effective for BellaVita. There are a lot of channels in the range that the notice says will be gone without the adapters. When the adapters arrive at your house, and if you are unable to set them up, call Comcast and have a service technician come to your home to set them up. Ask if there is a charge for the service call.

BUNCO

Bunco meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
The cost is \$3 and one lotto scratch-off.

If you have any questions call Carolyn Breathed @ 281-464-7746 or Sarita Cannon @ 281-484-7585 *Sign-up at the front desk*

AMI Pearland Properties Offices

12243 Shadow Creek Pkwy,
Building 3, Suite 100
Pearland, TX 77584

and the main phone number is 713-332-4675

This year, if you are planning to clear out things you don't need, please keep Treasure Box in mind. This part of Mistletoe Market (coming up in Fall) collects and sells items that are in new or very good condition. All proceeds go to a carefully selected charity. We will be collecting your goodies in August. We can accept anything except furniture, clothes, shoes or perishable items. If you have questions, please call Dorothy Darden, 281.484.8385.

BellaVita Fence Options Information

The Board of Directors has been considering the impact of continuing to handle all fence maintenance in BellaVita and is seeking input from homeowners. Poor initial quality and rapid deterioration of some fences led the Board to appoint a task force last year to look at long term fence costs.

The Task Force found that much better quality fences were available at lower than expected costs, and recommended that we begin to replace all fences over a 12 year period starting in 2013. The cost for doing so would amount to a reserve budget increase of \$2 per month per home and this amount was included in the current budget. While it did not require an immediate increase in assessments, it may serve to move up the time when increases are necessary. However, long-term costs would be greatly reduced.

Another option considered is for the association to turn the responsibility for unit fences back over to homeowners. This would reduce costs and extend the time before assessments have to be raised. These two options represent the maximum and minimum short-range costs of those options being considered, and the Board would very much like homeowner input to the decision. A survey will be mailed to each home on February 17 along with some additional information. Your opinions are important and the Board requests that each family review the issues and return the surveys to the ballot box in the clubhouse.

To learn more about the issue please attend the Homeowners Forum at 7pm on February 23 where the Board will address your questions.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP**March Book Club**

Date: 3/10/2011

Time: 10:30am

Book Title: "The Confession"

Author: John Grisham

Contact: Ruth Moore 281-484-4102

April Book Club

Date: 4/14/2011

Book: "Meant to Fly"

Author: A.J. High

Clubhouse Hours

Sunday....12 to 6

Monday....11a to 10p

Tuesday.....10a to 10p

Wednesday...10a to 10p

Thursday....10a to 10p

Friday.....10a to 10p

Saturday.....10a to 10p

Children's Pool Hours

Tues. & Thurs... 3p to 7p

Sat. & Sun.... 1p to 6p

**BellaVita Homeowners
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