

December 12th, 2023

Tuesday-12

- 10a Bible Study
- 11a Chair Exercises
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Shanghai
- 6p Poker Night
- 6:30p Hand & Foot
- 6:30p TEC Meeting**

Wednesday-13

- 10a Fitness
- 12:45p BUNCO
- 1p Canasta
- 1p Hand & Foot
- 1p Sewing Group
- 7p Choir Dress**
- Rehearsal**

Thursday-14

- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Asian Mahjong
- 1p Bridge
- 1p Poker
- 1p Book Group**
- 6p Int Line Dancing
- 6:30p Mexican Train

Friday-15

- Choir Set Up Day**
- 7p Choir Concert**

Saturday-16

- 3p Matinee Choir Concert**

Sunday-17

- Clubhouse Closed**



ugly sweater

TEC meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Beginning @ 6:30 pm
Grab your ugliest sweater and
join us!
Prizes will be awarded!



Janet O'Connor,

The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q4 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter, Janet O'Connor**. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Janet and Rick O'Connor moved to Bellavita in 2019. They were so impressed with the appearance of the neighborhood. Everything looked so maintained. After Janet retired from the Dickinson ISD, they moved to Lake Livingston where they lived for 15 yrs. Moving to Bellavita, placed them closer to their son and daughter who live in the Clear Lake area with their families, including 4 grandsons.

Due to Janet's interest in gardening and wanting to be a part of maintaining the beauty of Bellavita, she became a member of the HOA Grounds committee. In 2023, after a winter freeze and then summer drought, Janet stepped up to Chair the HOA Grounds Committee. No challenge was too large, as she worked with her committee to start the restoration and new planting of plants, shrubs, and flowers to bring the grounds of Bellavita back to life.

Janet along with the committee has surveyed the areas around the clubhouse and lake including replanting many of the dying shrubs. One can find Janet during the day working at the entrance of Bellavita, in the flower beds in front of the clubhouse, around the annex or transplanting something that would do better in another location. Janet's attention to detail has brought attention to the life expectancy of plants approx. 20 yrs. She has identified plants that are reaching their lifespan and adding new fresher plants. Janet takes her responsibilities very seriously. She took it upon herself to read the 30+ pages of the Rusticscapes contract and found that many items in the contract were not being completed. Due to her research, Janet has developed a strong partnership with the management of Rusticscapes and Urban Forestry.

Janet is a true asset to the Grounds Committee and Bellavita. She always adds a little extra care. Janet takes pride in the Bellavita grounds as if they were her own yard. As well as gardening, she likes crafts and cooking. Works with the Flag teams, also. Janet has done an incredible job in all her volunteer efforts. Thank you Janet O'Connor for all your hard work. Please congratulate Janet on her outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Committee Chair



Journey to Joy

Will not meet in December



Fence Staining FYI

Fences can be sealed with Sherwin Williams Exterior Waterborne Clear Sealer, Thompson's Water Seal, or Olympic Maximum waterproofing Sealer per Appendix C on page 24 of the Architectural Guidelines. Using any of these 3 approved sealants will require a simple No Action Form to be completed and submitted to front desk personnel.



Bella Vita 10th Annual Holiday Concerts

**Friday, December 15th
@ 7:00 pm (doors will
open @ 6:45)**

**Saturday, December 16th
@ 3:00 pm (doors will
open @ 2:45)**

*Tickets available November 13th at the
front desk for \$10.00*

Outside guests and children are welcome.

** Please make checks payable to BellaVita*

** Please note that ticket sales are only*

available during clubhouse hours and until

6pm. Thank you!

**Please join us for some holiday
cheer!**



December
BIRTHDAYS

Please join us for cake on December 27th, at 1 pm to celebrate your day! (you can bring a guest)

Please RSVP if you can make it:

Elizabeth.huerta@inframark.com

crystal.koster@inframark.com

Or call the front desk at 281-464-3150



Donate to

FEED A FAMILY IN NEED



"SPONSORED BY THE BELLES"

OUR CHARITIES THIS YEAR WILL BE LAWHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN HELPING HANDS. WITH FOOD COSTS RISING IT IS GETTING HARDER TO PUT A NUTRITIONAL MEAL ON THE TABLE FOR MANY FAMILIES. IN ORDER TO REACH THE MOST VULNERABLE AND NEEDY WE ARE COLLECTING SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS FROM KROGER, HEB, RANDALL'S AND FOOD TOWN. WE PREFER \$25 GIFT CARDS, BUT ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP. PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE BELLAVITA CLUBHOUSE. WE ALSO WILL ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "BELLAVITA BELLES". AS ALWAYS WE KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR NEIGHBORS TO HELP WHEN NEEDED. DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST.



DENIM & DIAMONDS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31st: 6:45 pm – 1:00 am
LIVE MUSIC WITH “The Slags”

Social hour – 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm

Dinner – 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Music & Dancing – 8:30 pm – 1:00 am

Champagne toast @ midnight

BYOB – set ups provided

\$75 per person (open to outsiders)

Tickets available November 20, 2023 @
the clubhouse

Menu:

Shrimp pasta salad

Cucumber, black olive, tomato

&

feta cheese salad

Prime rib w/horseradish

sauce

Parmesan chicken w/basil

cream Sauce

Twice baked potato casserole

Green beans w/onion & baco

Spanish corn casserole

Bread pudding with rum

sauce

Chocolate cake

Homemade rolls & butter

BELLAVITA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

BELLAVIEW ACTIVITY SHOWCASE

Saturday January 20th

2-4PM BV Ballroom



Please join us at the BELLAVIEW Activity Showcase on Saturday, January 20th! It's going to be an awesome event where you can learn about all the incredible clubs and organizations that make BellaVita such a special place. You'll get to chat with the leaders of each group and figure out which ones spark your interest! We're so excited to show you everything BellaVita has to offer, and we can't wait to see you there!

CLUB LEADERS

You will be receiving a note regarding signing up your individual club and organization to be involved with BellaView and have your own table assigned to set up your information for our residents to consider.

NEW 2023 BELLAVITA RESIDENTS

You will be receiving a note about making sure you mark your calendars for this event. All 2023 New Residents will also have a chance to win one of the FOUR Gift Cards in the drawing that you will be able to sign up for when you attend.

ALL BELLAVITA RESIDENTS

If you were thinking about getting involved with one of the almost 100 Clubs and Organizations in BellaVita, this is your chance to learn all about any that interest you.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THIS FREE EVENT

Let's getaway



Are you ready for an unforgettable night out? Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 31st** because we are headed to Stages Theater for an evening of entertainment like no other! Get ready to laugh and have a great time with the hilarious play *Sister's Irish Catechism*!

You won't want to miss out on this amazing night!

Tickets are just \$35.00/ea.

We'll be departing at 6 pm sharp, so be sure to arrive on time! After the play, we'll be heading over to Katz Restaurant for a mouthwatering dessert or a refreshing beverage (not a meal). Trust us, it's the perfect way to end a perfect night!



Sign up for this exciting Getaway starts on December 20th at 10a.

If you can't make it to sign up, don't worry! Just contact Patsy Womack at 281-744-0830 to secure your spot.



BellaVita Book Club

The book club is not meeting in December, but we are making a change in our book selection. Now we are reading *The Christmas Pearl* for January by Dorothea Benton Frank. The previous announced selection, *Banyan Moon* by Thao Thai will be our February choice. Please join us on Thursday, January 11, at 1:00 in the Annex for our regular book club meeting and discussion of *The Christmas Pearl*.

Gerry Bartlett

BellaVita Residents

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

Please remember to review the community Rules and Regulations thoroughly.

- **Golf Carts** or any other motorized vehicles are not to be driven on the walkway around the lake. The only exceptions to this are the cart installing or picking up flags, the Clubhouse maintenance cart, during sanctioned BellaVita events, and elder assistance scooters.
- **No Vehicles** are permitted in the reserve (motorized or otherwise) including but not limited to golf carts, bicycles, and/or motor bikes.

Your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for everyone here at BellaVita is greatly appreciated. Thank you!





Whenever I teach clinical medicine to students in the fourth year of medicine, I ask the following question: What are the causes of mental confusion and illnesses in the elderly?

Some offer: "Tumors in the head". I answer: No!

Others suggest: "Early symptoms of Alzheimer's". I answer again: No!

With each rejection of their answers, their responses dry up.

And they are even more open-mouthed when I list the three most common causes:

- uncontrolled diabetes -urinary infection -dehydration

It may sound like a joke, but it isn't.

People over 60 generally stop feeling thirsty and consequently stop drinking fluids.

When no one is around to remind them to drink fluids, they quickly dehydrate.

Dehydration is severe and affects the entire body. It may cause abrupt mental confusion, a drop in blood pressure, increased heart palpitations, angina (chest pain), coma and even death.

This habit of forgetting to drink fluids begins at age 60, when we have just over 50% of the water we should have in our bodies. People over 60 have a lower water reserve. This is part of the natural aging process.

But there are more complications. Although they are dehydrated, they don't feel like drinking water, because their internal balance mechanisms don't work very well.

Conclusion:

People over 60 years old dehydrate easily, not only because they have a smaller water supply, but also because they do not feel the lack of water in the body.

Although people over 60 may look healthy, the performance of reactions and chemical functions can damage their entire body.

So here are two alerts:

1) Get into the habit of drinking liquids. Liquids include water, juices, teas, coconut water, milk, soups, and water-rich fruits, such as watermelon, melon, peaches and pineapple; Orange and tangerine also work.

The important thing is that every two hours, you must drink some liquid. Remember this!

2) Alert for family members: constantly offer fluids to people over 60. At the same time, observe them.

If you realize that they are rejecting liquids and, from one day to the next, they are irritable, breathless or display a lack of attention, these are almost certainly recurrent symptoms of dehydration.

Inspired to drink more water now? Share this information with others! **DO IT NOW!** Your friends and family need to know for themselves and help you to be healthier and happier.

By Arnaldo Liechtenstein, Physician



Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland



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Hey Bella Vita,

You've been upgraded! Check out what's changed



We've made some upgrades to your services!

We are excited to bring you upgraded services! As a Bella Vita resident, we are bringing you our best products and services — fast, reliable internet speeds and the best in entertainment — with less equipment to manage. Take a look at the upgrades we've made, at no additional cost to you!

Current services:

- ✓ X1 HD cable box for 3 rooms
- ✓ Digital Starter Video lineup
- ✓ Performance Pro Internet (400-500mbps)
- ✓ XB6 Modem
- ✓ Dedicated support team

New services

- ✓ X1 HD DVR Cable box for 3 rooms
- ✓ Ultimate Channel Lineup
- ✓ Superfast Internet (800mbps)
- ✓ XB7 or XB8 Modem
- ✓ Dedicated support team

FAQ's

What if I already upgraded to DVR services?

-You will now see those charges removed from your personal bill

What if I already upgraded my internet to Superfast?

-You will now see those charges removed from your personal bill

Questions? Call our dedicated support team

 1-855-307-4896



Interested in our other awesome products and services? Check us out!

xfinity

Duplicate Bridge is a partnership game played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Interested players may reserve a spot by calling Lyle Ganucheau in advance.

Tuesday, December 5th

North/South

1st Jean Foltz – Joyce Garner

2nd Gail Mccullah – Russell Pryor

East/West

1st Connie Harry – Ann Sharp

2nd Rhonda Bryant – Lyle Ganucheau

Tuesday, December 7,

NO BRIDGE



Your HOA dues include having your front door maintained every 2 yrs. as needed. This means the door will be lightly sanded and a coat of spar varnish will be applied. A new weather strip on the bottom of the door is included, if needed. This will help to protect your door. However, if you postpone or do not request having your door serviced and it requires having your door refinished, the HOA will only cover a portion of the cost to refinish and replace the weather strip. The HOA will pay a maximum of \$210.00 (the cost to the HOA for regular maintenance plus a 2nd coat of varnish). You will be responsible for the remaining cost of the door service. Please note if there is a homeowner cost, it will be more than previous years as well. It is your responsibility to call and have it serviced every 2 years.

Please come by the Clubhouse or call at 281-464-3150 to be put on the list for 2024. The doors are serviced March through September.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Deadline for newsletter entries and articles is Monday at NOON.

No Exceptions.

Please send entries and articles to all clubhouse personnel.

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Business Hours

MONDAY	11AM to 10PM
TUESDAY	10AM to 10PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM to 10PM
THURSDAY	10AM to 10PM
FRIDAY	10AM to 10PM
SATURDAY	10AM to 6PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Library Hours

Library will open at the same time the Clubhouse opens and will close at dusk. Annex will remain open when meetings and activities are schedule.

Monthly Meetings

1st
Wed.

6:15p Belles Meeting
6:30p Men's Meeting

6:30p TEC Meeting

Tuesday
Dec. 12th

3rd
Wed.

Travel Group will meet January
17th @ 7pm

3:00p Board Meeting

4th
Wed.

There will be NO board meeting in December.

BellaVita Front Desk will provide the following Fax, Notary and Copy services for personal use for home owners. At this time there will be **NO** charge for 10 pages. After 10 pages, there will be a charge of 10 cents per sheet.

- Long distance faxes -
- Sending local Faxes – NO International faxes
- Receiving Faxes
- Notary services are free **by appointment only**. Notary services are for residents only. Please make appointment at the front desk. **Notary services are currently unavailable.**
- Scanning to email
- Copy Services

The **Copy Center** copying guidelines for the BellaVita HOA Board, Board Committees/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 provide by the requester.

**Beg Line Dancing
Friday at 3pm
Intermediate Line Dance
Thursday 6 pm**



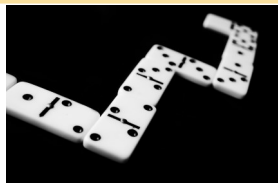
**Cardio Line Dancing
Saturday @ 11am**

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

FITNESS®



Hand & Foot
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Wednesdays @ 1pm
Please call Linda Mulholand



**Mexican Train
Thursdays @ 6:30pm
in the Annex**



**Art Group meets Fridays at
2:00pm in the
Arts & Craft room**

MAH-JONG

Come and join us on Mondays at 1pm for American Mahjong and Thursdays at 1PM for Asian Mahjong in the Annex.

DAY BUNCO

Second Wednesday of every Month
At 12:45 @ the Clubhouse
\$5.00 to Play

Rummikub Fridays @ the Annex 1:00 PM
Lots of fun! Good brain exercise! Come join us!



No Night Bunco in
December

Walk Aerobics Thursdays and Saturday @
10AM

Shanghai- Tuesdays at 1PM and Friday AT 6:30 pm IN THE ANNEX. Singles and couples are welcome. There are no partners in **Shanghai**. Please call Charlotte Goza 713-819-1881 to indicate your interest, and let her know if you already know how to play.



POKER
Monday & Thursday
at 1pm. Tuesdays at
6pm.
Held in the Art Room



Book Groups
The Book Review Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Annex.

**Need Canasta
Players**
Wednesday at
1pm
in the annex



Sewing Group
Every Wednesday 1-3 pm
Join Us!
Sew - Crochet - Knit - Helping Hands





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