We are excited to announce the opening of the Branchwood Disc Golf Course. We would like to thank Ray Moore, Professional Disc Golf Association Member and Player, for all of the work he put in designing and cleaning up the course as well as the rest of the volunteers who spent their evenings and weekends making this course great. Because of their work, Bella Vista now has a beautiful 18-hole Disc Golf Course that can be enjoyed by everyone from beginners to seasoned players. The course may be in the ground and ready to play, but we are by no means finished working on it. We plan to continue making improvements through the winter. A course map is available on Hole 1. You can find the Hole 1 teebox located between the Branchwood Rec Center and the playground.

To commemorate the course opening we are selling custom-stamped Branchwood discs. We offer a variety of molds that are perfect for play or display. If you are interested in purchasing a custom disc contact Dean Rawlings at deanr@bvvpoa.com.
**Cicada Killers Are Back**

Cicada killers are very large wasps, up to 1-5/8” long, that resemble gigantic hornets or yellow jackets. Each summer we receive complaints of them menacing golfers and digging holes into the greens and bunkers. While they look formidable, they are in fact not a threat. The male wasp is territorial and will buzz around you trying to chase you away but lacks a stinger, so he is completely harmless.

The female wasp is non-aggressive but can sting if handled or stepped on with bare feet. She prefers to spend her time burrowing into the ground and hunting annual cicadas. After digging an extensive burrow up to a foot in depth, the female will find a cicada, paralyze it with her stinger and carry it back to her burrow. After placing the cicada in a chamber, she will lay an egg on it and bury the cicada where it becomes food for her young. She will repeat this process nonstop for a couple of weeks.

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- Berksdale “South”
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Input from this public meeting was reviewed by the Task Force and their recommendations were presented at the Golf Joint Advisory Committee meeting on July 11. A presentation to the Board of Directors was being held after this publication printed. To see final outcomes from the Board meeting, go to bellavistapoa.com/governance/board-of-directors

**New 2 Golf Program**

There is a new golf instruction program called New 2 Golf. All the classes will be in a group setting and will be a shorter, less expensive variation of our Get Golf Ready programs. New 2 Golf is designed to introduce new golfers to the culture, skill and fun of the game. Golf can be an intimidating sport, so the goals of this program are to introduce new golfers to the etiquette, rules, how to play and the simple, basic swing fundamentals.

Each New 2 Golf class will be two sessions for the price of $40. Each session will last one hour and the instruction topics will include: putting, chipping and the full swing. Classes will be open to Members and Non-Members and are for men and women. PGA Professionals Gavin Smith and Alex Sanford will be the instructors for the New 2 Golf classes. If you’re interested in learning about New 2 Golf, please sign-up by contacting the instructor for your desired class.

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- **August 18**: Longest Day Alzheimer’s Tournament
- **September 1**: Bella Vista Open
- **September 8**: Prostate Cancer Tournament
- **October 6**: Bella Vista Open
- **October 27–28**: Fall 3 Person Scramble
- **November 11**: Veterans Day Tournament
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Golf News & Updates

August 11-12 • Men’s Club Championship
Bella Vista Country Club / Highlands • Individual Stroke Play - 8 a.m. tee time. Players will be pre-flighted in each division. The top two gross places and the top three net places per light will be eligible to play in our inaugural Championship Cup on September 22-23. Entry fee is $70 per player plus applicable green and cart fees. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or in person by visiting one of the Pro Shops.

August 11-12 • Women’s Club Championship
Bella Vista Country Club / Highlands • Individual Stroke Play - 8 a.m. tee time. Players will be pre-flighted in each division prior to play. Entry fee is $70 per player plus applicable green and cart fees. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or in person by visiting one of the Pro Shops.

August 18 • Longest Day Alzheimer’s Tournament
Kingswood • 4 Person Scramble - 8 a.m. Shotgun. $200 per team, $50 per player plus applicable green and cart fees. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or in person by visiting one of the Pro Shops.

September 1 • Bella Vista Open
Highlands • Individual Modified Stableford - 8 a.m. Shotgun. Players will be pre-flighted by handicap before play. Entry fees: AGGF - $10; Member SL/PG - $20; Photo ID - $25; No Photo ID - $30; Non-Member - $35 per player. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or in person by visiting one of the Pro Shops.

Sporting News & Updates

Lake Windsor Drawdown
The drawdown will begin on November 12, 2018 and should be complete by December 1st barring rain. We will leave it down until March 1st. Minor dredging will occur on POA property at Pontoon Park and London Landing. Additionally, lakefront residents will be able to make more convenient repairs to seawalls and docks. Building permits will be required through the City of Bella Vista for docks and seawalls and a permit is required through the POA for dredging.

Dying Grass Carp
It is not uncommon to lose a few fish in the extreme heat of mid-summer. Smaller fish are generally consumed before they die, so they are not noticed. Almost every summer, a small portion of our grass carp succumb to the stress of summer heat. Do not be alarmed to see the occasional floating fish this time of year.

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Community Meeting - Proposed New Community Center
Recently, a feasibility study was completed on planning for a proposed new community center. Focus groups made up of POA Members, the Recreation and Community Involvement Joint Advisory Committee Members, and staff worked with a Steering Committee and award-winning recreation Architects, Hastings & Chivetta, to understand the needs of the community. Public meetings were held on July 23 and July 24 where design concepts were shared and community insight was gained. For those residents who could not attend, a survey was available for their additional input. Results from these meetings were not available at time of publication.

Lakepoint Introduces New Menu from BV’s Chef Jerry James
Lakepoint Restaurant has introduced a new expanded menu with a focus on steak and seafood, and a wider spread on price point. Chef Jerry from BV Bar & Grill was instrumental in its creation and developed it from the ground up, but a lot of the old favorites remain. The menu grew by over 30% and many of the entrée items are in the $12 – $18 range. There is now a total of 10 appetizers and shareables and two more sandwiches were added to the menu in the form of a crab cake ($13) and crispy fried chicken ($12).

Under the fish and shell section there are new items such as the pan seared trout ($17), shrimp scampi ($16), soft shell crab ($17) and the horseradish crusted grouper ($20). In beef, pork and fowl Chef Jerry has added numerous selections with his signature chicken piccata ($15). You will also find a wide range of steak options from the 8oz sirloin chimichurri ($18) and the 12oz char-grilled ribeye ($29) to the Angus filet surf and turf with grilled jumbo shrimp ($29).

As is Chef Jerry’s custom, all of the desserts are made in house; featuring crème brulee, coconut cream pie, chocolate fudge cake and cherry cobbler. To see the full menu please visit: LakepointRestaurant.com

Lakepoint Summer Specials:
August 16 & September 20 • Summer Wine Series
Lakepoint Tasting Room - Wines Around the World / Regional
August 22 • Prime Rib & Seafood Buffet - $25 per person
September 26 • Prime Rib & Seafood Buffet - $25 per person

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Sign Up For E-news
Our e-newsletters are a terrific way to keep your finger on the pulse of all things Bella Vista. Choose one or all four:
- Golf
- Recreation
- Sporting
- POA Update
To register, go to bellavistapoa.com/signup

Bella Vista POA Website Calendar of Events
Visit bellavistapoa.com/calendar to see a thorough list of upcoming POA events along with details of how you can participate.

Coffee & Questions
Join Tom Judson, COO, as he hosts an informative Q&A session. Held in the Board Room at the Country Club the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., Tom will be joined by Keith Ihms, Director of Golf Maintenance and Phillip Wright, Director of Golf Operations. Specific dates for Coffee & Questions can be found at: bellavistapoa.com/calendar

Did you know Bella Vista has a television station?
Bella Vista Community Television (BVCTV) is a non-profit, all volunteer Community Access station located at 1801 Forest Hills Blvd. Suite 203, Bella Vista, AR 72715 in the Highlands Crossing Building. Check out their website at bellavistatv.org. They are also on Facebook & Twitter. Programming is aired on Cox Cable Channel 222 and U-Verse Channel 99. All locally produced shows can also be viewed on youtube.com/user/BellaVistaCommTV.

Here are some fun facts that may surprise you!
- BVCTV has been broadcasting since 1981. The first station was housed in a small trailer off the back path of Bella Vista Lake.
- Did you know that camera crews go out and shoot action in the community like the most recent 4th of July Parade?
- Did you know we regularly video and air the Bella Vista City Council Meetings, POA meetings, and have regular air time with Mayor Christie and Tom Judson?
- Would you be surprised that the programs showcase people in our Northwest Arkansas community and that we record local church and musical events?
- Some of the volunteers have a television background but most others have had no experience at all. The station’s youngest volunteer is 14 who has been volunteering for 3 years and the eldest is 82.
- The purpose of BVCTV is to inform, educate and entertain the residents of all ages via a public affairs broadcast medium; to provide news of Northwest Arkansas; to announce events of new and existing businesses, churches and organizations in Bella Vista and surrounding communities; to provide knowledge of the television industry and operations to community youth and volunteers.

BVCTV volunteers come from all walks of life. Our volunteers are professional adults, and retirees. No experience is needed! We will train you. Some volunteers devote several hours each week, others give just a few hours every month. It’s up to you! Contact us at (479) 319-7116, or (479) 268-8325 or stop by the station any Wednesday morning at 9:30am and see what it is all about.
Recreation News & Updates

Flea in the Park – Family Friendly Event October 13
Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13, to head over to Blowing Springs Park for the 2nd annual vintage flea market which will include live music and food trucks, vintage car & RV show, and a kid’s fun zone. There will be something for everyone and you’ll be able to get the t-shirt, too. The event runs from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and admission is free!

If you’re a vendor who specializes in vintage furniture, junk, upcycled materials or are an artesian food vendor - spots are still available. 10’ x 10’ spaces are $50; 10’ x 20’ spaces are $90 or 20’ x 20’ for $120. Email berniep@bvvpoa.com for a vendor application.

Metfield Pools Close Starting August 13
The Metfield Swimming Pools will close with the start of school on August 13, 2018.

Kingsdale Pools Move to Limited Hours Starting August 13
Starting Monday, August 13, the Kingsdale pools will be open with limited staff as team members head back to college and high school. The pools will be available for use with no lifeguard on deck on weekdays. The pools will be fully staffed on weekends. The hours of operation Monday – Sunday from August 13 through September 16 will be 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Beach Hours through Labor Day
The Beach at Lake Avalon will be open weekdays from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. until school starts. Once school starts on August 13, the Beach will be open only on weekends through Labor Day. The Beach will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., August 18, 19, 25, 26, and Labor Day weekend September 1 – 3. After Labor Day, the Beach will be closed for the season.

Calling all Paws for the Dog Days of Summer Saturday, September 22
Our four legged friends are taking over the Kingsdale Pools on Saturday, September 22 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and all proceeds help support the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. The pool chemicals will be removed from the water making it safe for your furry friends and no humans will be allowed to swim with their dogs. The event includes activities, giveaways and of course hot dogs! Note: All dogs must be up-to-date on their vaccinations. Admission is just $10 per dog.

Twilight Swim rates to continue through August 12
$1 entry from 6:30 – 8 p.m at all Pools. Get ready, splash, go! Metfield & Kingsdale pools are open daily from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. through August 12. Want a great way to chill after a long summer’s day? Join us at 6:30 p.m. or later during the next few weeks and pay just $1 admittance. This special applies to all Members and Guests through August 12.

Daily Rates:
- 5 & Under $1 Photo ID / $1.50 Member Card $2 guests
- 6 & Over $2 Photo ID / $2.50 Member Card $3 guests

Please note children 12 and under must be supervised by an adult to use the pools.

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