Imagine the future of Bella Vista when Members have access to a modern space for recreation, fitness and community events. Imagine a place that will provide both well-established and new innovative programs, events and activities for adults of all ages, children and teens. A place where residents can come together and celebrate the good life in Bella Vista. That place could be the proposed new Bella Vista Community Center.

A feasibility study was done in the spring of 2018 that included focus groups comprised of POA Members from a variety of demographics, Joint Advisory Committee members, board members and select staff. These focus group discussions included: assessing the needs, hopes and dreams for a community center; developing space needs; conceptual budgets and preliminary conceptual layout (as pictured).

From there, community meetings and a survey to the e-newsletter database resulted in these top priorities:

1) Enlarged Fitness Center with cardio equipment, strength machines, and free weights
2) Indoor Pool with lap lanes and activities zones
3) Indoor Track with Windows
4) Meeting Rooms (Cards, Groups, Fitness)
5) Performing Arts space / Multi-purpose gymnasium

The plan to making this a reality rests with the outcome of an assessment increase vote. The POA assessments have not been increased since 2001, as a result, many of our recreational facilities have not been adequately updated. Unlike other communities that rely on bonds or taxes, the POA would take out a loan to fund the project. An increase in monthly assessment would serve as collateral for the loan and allow us to build for the future.
September 8 • Prostate Cancer Tournament
Kingswood/Bella Vista Country Club • 4 Person Scramble - 8 a.m. Shotgun. The event will consist of 3 separate Divisions: Women’s Division, Men’s Division and Mixed Division. Based upon the number of teams, some divisions may be flighted after play. Entry fees: $240 per team, $60 per person, plus applicable green/cart fees. Price includes Team Blue Ribbon Package. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or visit one of the Pro Shops.

September 21 • Couples 9 & Dine
Scotsdale • Two Person Scramble - 4:30 p.m. Shotgun Start, Dinner to follow play. Entry fee is $30 per player, plus applicable green and cart fees. Both team members will hit their designated tee on each hole. The team will select the preferred tee shot, with both members playing from this position for their second shot. This procedure will continue until the ball is holed. *Each team member must contribute three drives during the round. You may register online, by phone at (479) 855-5079 or in person by visiting one of the Pro Shops.

October 6 • Bella Vista Open
Highlands • Individual Modified Stableford - 8 a.m. Shotgun. Players will be pre-flighted by handicap before play. The number of flights depends upon participation. 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.

October 27–28 • Fall 3 Person Scramble
Bella Vista Country Club/Kingswood • 3 Person Scramble - 9 a.m. Shotgun. Entry fees: $150 per team, $50 per person, plus applicable green/cart fees. You may register by phone at (479) 855-5079 or visit one of the Pro Shops.

**New 2 Golf Program**
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. BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf/Instruction
September 15, 16 • 9–10 a.m. September 22, 29 • 10–11 a.m.
Gavin Smith  (479) 855-8123 Alex Sanford  (479) 855-8150
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**Get Golf Ready Program**
Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. You will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting, while conquering stress, anxiety, and those pesky slices to get you, the golfer, ready to hit the course. BellaVistaPOA.com/Golf/Instruction
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Gameday Specials at BV Bar & Grill
Enjoy $9 Domestic 60oz Jumbo Pitchers and ½ off select appetizers along with other restaurant and bar specials during both college and pro football games throughout the season. Check out their Facebook page for specifics on these and other specials as well as happy hour at facebook.com/bvbarandgrill

New Lunch Loyalty Card at BV Bar & Grill
BV Bar & Grill has new Lunch Loyalty Cards. Buy 5 lunches and get the 6th free! Good Monday – Friday, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. Must spend $9 or more per visit to qualify. Ask for one on your next visit.

New Menu at Lakepoint Restaurant
If you haven’t tried Lakepoint recently, you are missing out. BV Bar & Grill Chef, Jerry James, has worked with the Lakepoint staff to create new menu items including his signature Coconut Cream Pie! The menu includes a lower price range more choices in every category, sandwich options and several gluten free items.

The Tasting Room continues to have amazing wine features that Don would be happy to talk about. Bring your friends, family or co-workers and enjoy a glass, bottle or flights of wine. Open Wednesday – Saturday, 4– 9 p.m. Hoppy Hour starts at 3 p.m.

Update from Benton Country Road Department, Spanker Creek Bridge Construction - Fall 2018 (Not a POA Project)
Spanker Bridge will be closing for an extended period of time starting in the fall. We know this will impact you more than other Benton County residents if this is part of your daily commute. See bentoncountyar.gov/road-department/spanker-creek-bridge-progress for alternate route suggestions. As a reminder, Mercy Way is an already congested intersection with U.S. 71. Even though it means a slightly longer distance, it could be more beneficial to take a route such as Jack Crabtree Road, to avoid that traffic.

There have been two major flooding events in the last two years, damaging Spanker Bridge, risking driver safety and causing road closures. Every time Benton County has to fix this, county tax dollars are paying for it. This project to completely replace Spanker Bridge is primarily state funded. The replacement is estimated to take up to nine months. Thanks for your patience during this project! Questions? Call Benton County Road Department: (479) 271-1052

Veteran’s Wall of Honor Charity Golf Tournament
September 29, Kingswood Golf Course. Open to all, POA membership not required. 4-person scramble; 8 am shotgun; Mulligans and Raffle tickets available that day. Entry includes Goody Bag, door prizes and lunch. Money and prizes given out rain or shine; 36 Team maximum (144 golfers), For Information: vetwallofhonor.org/golf.html

Bella Vista Bluebirds Society Bird Counts
Bella Vista Bluebird Society needs your backyard counts for young birds (fledgling). Please report not only Bluebirds, but any fledgling species in your yard or trail. Please call your totals in to Leon Wehmeyer at 479-855-1642 or e-mail to lwehm@sbcglobal.net.

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Basic Pistol Class
Designed with beginners in mind, learn the fundamental skills and knowledge for responsibly owning and operating a pistol. Learn about gun safety, pistol parts and operation, ammunition types and the foundations for safe and accurate shooting.

Approximately 8 hours of classroom time and roughly 2 hours of range instruction. Class will be three days, classroom portions will occur during weeknight evening hours with a weekend range time. Training firearms and ammunition will be provided as well as all incourseware and materials.

For more information or interest in future classes call John Urquhart at (479)-855-5067.

Concealed Carry Class
Concealed carry courses are four hours of classroom time followed immediately by a live fire qualification at the pistol range. Designed for those who have experience with firearms and focuses on the laws and procedures to apply for a concealed carry permit for the state of Arkansas. This course meets the requirements needed to renew a permit with the state or transfer a permit from another state.

At the end of the course all participants will have all paperwork needed to apply with the state including fingerprint cards. Participants must bring a handgun and the correct ammunition to class for live fire qualification. All firearms will be checked by the range officer for safety and proper function prior to qualification.

Costs: $80.00 per Member 85.00 per Non-Member
Renewal: $40.00 per Member 45.00 per Non-Member
Limited to 20 Students
For more information call John Urquhart at (479)-855-5067 or to register call Member Services at (479)-855-8000.

Arkansas Enhanced Concealed Carry Class
This class reintroduces students to the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for owning and using a handgun for personal protection. The class will also address the responsibilities of carrying a handgun in populated and volatile areas. Students will learn how to correctly and responsibly interact with law enforcement and the general public. This course will also teach what to do when confronted with an active shooting situation along with Arkansas Laws pertaining to carrying a concealed handgun. Classes will be broken into two sessions of 3 hours each for knowledge and 2 hour skills training on a live range.

Costs: $120.00 per Member 125.00 per Non-Member
Limited to 10 students
Students will be required to complete the basic Concealed Carry Class prior to taking the Enhanced Class. Students will be required to bring the following equipment to ensure a safe training and qualification.

- Their own Handgun
- Equipment used to carry handgun concealed: holster, purse etc.
- Eye and Ear protection
- Ammunition (minimum of 100 rounds)

For more information call John Urquhart at (479)-855-5067 or to register call Member Services at (479)-855-8000.

Lake Windsor Drawdown
The drawdown will begin on November 12 and should be complete by December 1st barring rain. The lake will remain 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.

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Flea in the Park Returns – Saturday, October 13
Mark your calendar 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 at this family friendly event. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and admission is free!

Live music will be provided from the band, Dr. NOLA & the Soul Shakers. A New Orleans influenced band that performs a gumbo of music styles from soul, to blues and funk. Their high energy stage show and powerhouse sound will make you want to jump and shout! Also performing is, Will Gunselman, a singer-songwriter who has been playing and telling his truth for 15 years. His lyrics and musical style are Americana at its core with unexpected twists. Lyrics embody his love for nature, Arkansas, and his family. They will be playing in the natural bluff and Amphitheater in Blowing Springs which makes for an amazing music venue.

If you’re a vendor who specializes in vintage furniture, junk, upcycled materials or are an artisan 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.

Branchwood Reopens Soon
The Branchwood Recreation Center remodel is on schedule and will be reopening in September. Exciting work is being completed in anticipation of move in. New equipment, updated locker rooms, and new fitness area with beautiful views to the park and trail are all part of this major project. We appreciate your patience and know the wait will be worth it. Watch for opening date to be posted on the Bella Vista POA website and via the e-newsletters.

Indoor Cycling Class Returns to Metfield
Looking for a challenging class that will push you to new fitness highs? Our indoor cycling class will get you there - it’s an interval class based on cycling drills and set to energetic music. Classes are held Monday & Wednesday evenings from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. starting September 10 at Metfield Clubhouse Fitness Center. On Wednesday evenings, an optional core strength floor exercise phase is offered following the cycling portion. Note: This is a high intensity cycling class and is not recommended for those who may need to start with building a basic level of fitness. Each class can accommodate 10 participants (first-come, first-served) and pre-registration for each class is suggested by calling the Metfield Clubhouse at 855-8165. Fees are $4 per drop-in class or you may purchase a 10-class Universal Fitness Punch Card for $30. If you do not have a POA Photo ID card, you will also pay a $2.50 facility use fee per class.

Kingsdale Pools Close September 16.
The Kingsdale pools are open daily through Sunday, September 16 with open swim hours from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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.
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