

The Bella Vista Foundation in its first six years has already provided many valuable contributions to the community. It has partnered with the City, POA and other local organizations on several community projects and events to support and enhance the Bella Vista community.

Currently, the Foundation is working with its partners on the following local projects:

The Master Trails Plan for Bella Vista was completed in 2012, encompassing about 155 miles of trails in Bella Vista. The **Back Forty** trails, 38 miles of trails on the East side of Bella Vista, are already constructed and in use, and plans are in the works for another 50 miles of trails in the central area of the City between Hwy. 71 and 279. Also, there are plans for a hard surface extension of the Razorback Greenway from Lake Bella Vista North to Town Center. The **Foundation** is partnering with the City and the POA to provide trails furniture, mostly benches, at the trail heads and along the trails via individual and organizations' contributions, including recognition and/or memorial plaques on each piece of furniture. This web page includes a link to a photo of the benches and an application form.

The **Arts Council of Bella Vista** was recently formed, with a mission to pursue local projects and events as they work to enhance the quality of life in our community. The **Foundation** will assist and support them by accepting contributions from individuals and organizations for their various projects. The first project for 2018 is a **band concert** associated with the annual July 3rd fireworks display provided by the City at Loch Lomond Lake Park.

The **Foundation** served as the charity partner in the inaugural Cooper Communities NWA Classic professional golf tournament held in May, 2017 at the Highlands Golf Course. There was a Pro-Am tournament and party, and more than 100 pro golfers competed in a 4-day tournament hosted by the POA and the APT pro golf tour (formerly Adams Pro Tour). Charitable proceeds were realized in excess of \$20,000 at this first **event**, and recipients of grants from the **Foundation** were the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County, The First Tee of NWA, and the Bella Vista Animal Shelter.

The **Foundation** is repeating in 2018 as the charity partner for the Cooper Communities NWA Charity Classic, being held during the week of June 4 and hosted by the POA and the APT pro golf tour. The City, Cooper Communities and Visit Bentonville are also repeating as sponsors. We expect more than 130 pros for the 4-day tournament, and there will be a Pro-Am tournament and party in advance of the pro tournament. Several activities, such as a silent auction at the Pro-Am party and a Mr. Mulligan's Garden Party during the tournament, have been added this year to encourage local participation in the Pro-Am event and to entice more spectators to visit the Highlands Golf Course during the tournament. The charities awaiting grants from the **Foundation** this year are the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County, The First Tee of NWA, Bella Vista Animal Shelter and the Bella Vista Courtesy Van Service. Three links are available on this web page to provide more detail of the tournament, a calendar of events, and a form to register for the Pro-Am party and tournament.