

Join us for the 6th Annual

Mardi Gras

1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19
Riordan Hall

Mambo!

POA, Library Sponsor Mardi Gras Mambo!

Instead of traveling for Mardi Gras, let Bella Vista Village bring the celebration to you.

The Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association and the Bella Vista Library will host the 6th Annual Mardi Gras Mambo! from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at Riordan Hall, 3 Riordan Drive.

The event is free and open to the public.

Children of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes, as riders in festive golf cart floats throw hundreds of pairs of beads to the crowd in the Riordan Hall parking lot.

Residents are invited to decorate their golf carts in Mardi Gras colors – purple, green and gold – and participate in the parade. Beads will be provided and a prize for best-decorated cart will be awarded.

General Manager Tommy Bailey will serve as the parade's grand marshal, leading the parade and announcing the Mardi Gras Mambo! king and queen.

Returning for the third year will be the popular Mardi Paws Pet Parade. Local pet owners are encouraged to dress up their pets, put them on a leash and participate in a parade, where the owners will throw beads to the crowd.

As in past years, free hot chocolate, lemonade and king cake will be available to festival attendees. The Bella Vista Sunrise Rotary Club will provide free hot dogs and chips.

Meanwhile, games and crafts will be offered inside Riordan Hall.

The library will host a workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in which children can make shoebox floats. The floats will be displayed at the library, 11 Dickens Place, prior to the Mardi Gras Mambo!

Registration forms for the golf cart parade and Mardi Paws Pet Parade are available at Riordan Hall, the library and both organizations' Web sites – www.BellaVistaPOA.com and www.bvpl.org. Forms should be returned to either location by Feb. 18.

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**"Mardi Paws"
Pet Parade**
(Meet "Dwayne",
the library dog.)



Costumes



**Golf Cart
Parade**



**Crafts &
Games**



**Face
Painting**

For more information about the event, call Riordan Hall at (479) 855-8170 or the library at (479) 855-1753.