



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

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April 19, 2024

OUR 51st YEAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. APRIL 19

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM

SAT. APRIL 20

SUN. APRIL 21

MON. APRIL 22

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM
BILLIARDS 1:00 PM

TUES. APRIL 23

AERO. CLASS Cancelled
MGMT. COMM. MTG. 10:00 AM

WED. APRIL 24

THURS. APRIL 25

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
BUNCO 1:30 PM

FRI. APRIL 26

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STONE Y 20TH
MORRIS BARENFUS 20TH
DAN ROBBINS 23RD
NANCY WINANS 25TH
MARY WARD 26TH
LINDA BREEDEN 27TH
CHRISTINE HOLMLUND 27TH
EDDIE MORSE 28TH

HOMES FOR SALE



52, 97, 148
Coming Soon 105

Next monthly Management Committee Meeting is Tuesday, April 23rd at 10am in the Clubhouse.

BUNCO



Dear Bunco Players, We are going to try to bring back this dice game we have played her for at least 20 years. Our first attempt will be Wednesday, April 24th from 1:30-3:00 in the Clubhouse. We will also teach the game from 1:00-1:30pm just before the games start. The cost is \$5.00 (bring one dollar bills if you can). We give our cash prizes for most Bunco's, highest score, last Bunco & lowest score. Wondering what this all means? Call me, Sandy, and I can explain it. We will also teach the game from 1:00-1:30pm on Wednesday, April 24th to newcomers. Please call Sandy Payton, 831-461-1380 to learn what it's all about and to sign up in advance. Hope to see you there!

EASTER DINNER AT SPRING LAKES!

(Just a little late!)

Thursday May 2nd

Marinated Rack of Pork, Bone In
with fresh rosemary, garlic and olive oil
Sweet Potato Soufflé
with brown sugar and toasted pecans
Fresh Sautéed Vegetables
Prepared by our very own Blanche
Homemade Peach Chutney
Assorted Freshly Baked Cookies
Baked by Jeri Green

Doors and Bar open at 5pm
Dinner plated and served at 6pm

50/50 raffle and winner takes half!

Price is \$14.00
No refunds, please.



1.75 Rain total this week.



Carport Sale - Save the date.

The carport sale is back on.

When: Saturday, June 22

What You Need To Do: If you would like to participate in the carport sale, please contact June Langhoff at junelanghoff@gmail.com or phone (831) 295-4537

MARCH BIRD REPORT



On March 19, park residents spent a delightful time building bird houses under the expert direction of neighbor Robbie Cadwallader. Everyone completed a birdhouse. As you walk around the neighborhood, see if you can spot some of them. Maybe they'll have a nest inside.

Fifty-four bird species visited our park last month including a Hooded Oriole, Great-tailed Grackle (heard), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Great Egret, Townsend's Warbler, Killdeer, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, Great Blue & Green

Hérons, and Hooded & Common Mergansers. Additional highlights: Band-tailed Pigeon, Spotted Towhee, Anna's Hummingbird, Great Horned Owl (heard), Red-winged Blackbird, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Siskin, Bushtit, Robin, Western Bluebird, American & Lesser Goldfinch, Hermit Thrush, Acorn & Nuttall's Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Oak Titmouse, Turkey Vulture and Red-Shouldered, Red-tailed, & Cooper's Hawks.



Submitted by June Langhoff with help from Clark Walliser (Killdeer). Photo credit: Janet Hill



Partners Corner

WANTED: A licensed carpenter with good references Judy, number 80 408-828-1453.

Our Water Ways ~ April 19, 2024 Progress report from Management Committee On an updated schedule, Cool Earth will begin to landscape areas around the Upper Stream during the week of April 22.

Q: How are our lakes and ponds affected by evaporation? Could fog harvesting compensate for the water lost?



Hydrologists cite a rule of thumb for water loss from lakes and ponds. Roughly two thirds seeps into the ground (see Our Water Ways March 22, 2024). The remaining loss, roughly one third, evaporates into the atmosphere. Measurements of our water largely confirm this rule of thumb.

Spring Lakes Park purchased 7.3 million gallons of water during the 2023 calendar year, which indicates 2.4 million gallons evaporated. How can we keep this water in our lakes and ponds for a longer time before it evaporates?

The rate of evaporation increases as the average temperature of the air increases. In the short term, air temperatures increase seasonally. We can't change the seasons. In the long term, annual average air temperatures are predicted to increase with climate change. Changes that we make to avoid further climate change would likely have little immediate observable effect in our lakes and ponds.

The rate of evaporation also increases as the surface area and temperature of the water increases. Evaporation could be reduced by decreasing the surface area of a lake or pond by deepening its channel, adding an island and/or filling in the sides. At the same time, any such work could possibly affect the capacity of the drainage basin.

Fountains that spray water into the air increase surface exposure. The spray could be lowered, run for fewer hours, or could be replaced with underwater aerators to keep water moving and healthy.

Water temperature can be decreased with a partial cover of surface plants, such as water lilies. Also, trees and shrubs along a shoreline can shade water and keep it cooler.

Partners have asked about fog harvesting to compensate for water loss from our lakes and ponds. A fog harvester is basically a large net that provides a surface for fog condensation, along with a collection device to hold water that runs down the net. The following exploration of a fog harvester provides a visual and monetary perspective of how much water we lose to evaporation. It is not a proposal or plan.

A typical fog harvester collects up to 264 gallons of water per fog day. If we were to install a harvester like the world's largest in Morocco, we could harvest 10,000 gallons of water per fog day. This installation uses 31 nets, each roughly 23 feet square. That is, the height of this net "fence" would be at least 23 feet. The length would be 713 feet, almost the length of Lower Lake (813 feet).

Fog in Scotts Valley occurs mostly in spring and summer, say half the year. Let's estimate that half the days of that period have significant fog. That leaves one fourth of the year, 91 fog days.

91 days times 10,000 gallons = 910,000 gallons per year
Saving \$18,300 per year at 2026 rates for recycled water

Given Spring Lakes Park's loss of 2.4 million gallons to evaporation in 2023, it would take more than two and a half of these fog harvester systems to completely compensate for evaporation. And a basic fog harvester can cost thousands of dollars. Perhaps the efficiency, appearance, and cost of fog harvesting would become more attractive in our future. To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby (760) 709-6599.





PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST RESIDENT/PARTNERS



Gene & Carol King, Space 181

Gene: Phone# 530-401-5400 Email: ck2601263@gmail.com
Carol: Phone# 530-401-4200 Email: tahoekings53537@gmail.com

*Celebration of Life
for
Jo Ann Whittle*

*Saturday, April 27, 2024
1:30 pm
Spring Lakes Club House
225 Mt. Hermon Rd
Scotts Valley, CA*

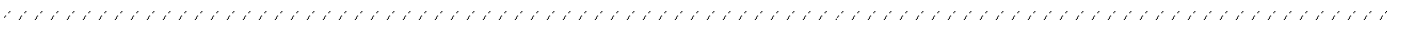


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Bring your stories

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**** Hymn Sing has been cancelled for Sunday, April 21st ****

The Biannual General Partnership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10:00 at the Clubhouse.



2024 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION UPDATE

The Nomination Committee is pleased to announce the following partners as candidates for a position on the Management Committee:

Marcia Brazil (incumbent), Richard Dean, Alyce Fackler (incumbent), and Tim Schewe. Their biographies are included in this Gazette.

Save the Date: The Candidates' Forum is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 at the Clubhouse. Please plan on attending this meeting and learning about their vision for SLP.

Voting will be by park-wide balloting. Voting instructions will be included with your ballot. Ballots will be delivered on Monday, April 29. Deadline for voting is Friday, May 17th at Noon.

(CANDIDATE BIO'S ON NEXT PAGE)



Spring Lakes Park

Richard Dean

225 Mount Hermon Rd #78

Owner since January 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to run for the Management Committee. I feel that I am qualified with my Management and Construction experience to contribute ideas and make logical decisions for the good of all partners.

Personal/Professional Experience:

- 35 years of Management experience
 - Managing Design Departments of 20 plus Direct Reports and Contractors in large companies and smaller startup companies. (Printed Circuit Board, Mechanical Design, Drafting, Document Control, Manufacturing, Shipping, Receiving, Test Engineering)
 - Managing outside vendors in support of prototype and production products.
- Held multiple positions in the Sons-In-Retirement (SIR) organization.
 - Little SIR, Big SIR, and Area Governor
- Construction experience
 - Construction experience building houses.
 - Retaining walls, drainage, and waterfalls
 - Pouring concrete for many years (walks, patios, steps, park strips) around Silicon Valley.
 - Working knowledge of plumbing and electrical
- 41 years of drainage experience after living in Felton at the bottom of the hill.

Spring Lakes Park Activities:

I have attended and enjoyed most all Spring Lakes activities since living here.

My Vision for Spring Lakes Park:

Taking on this position, I would want to be able to contribute for the good of the Park and all Residents. Make Logical Decisions after understanding all factors. We have some issues which need to be addressed in a logical manner and a solution which will be good for most of the partners. We all need to work together to address issues and compromise if needed for the good of everyone. We also need to look to the Future of what is needed and is best for the Park and all Partners.



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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY - 2024

Name: Marcia Brazil **Address:** Space 163

The following statements explain my qualifications to serve as a member of the Management Committee, and, if elected, my goals for Spring Lakes Park.

Owner since: 2018

Personal/Professional Experience: How does your experience relate to your interest in wanting to volunteer on the Management Committee?

Personal – Served on several Boards and Committees over the years, volunteered for non-profits and fund-raising events, assist those who reach out for help for a wide variety of topics (billing issues, calling companies to get answers, understanding documents and their content, etc.)

Professional - Over 40 years of managing operations which includes numerous departments: Fraud, Vendor Management, Wires, ACH, Courier, Mail, Bankcard, Exception Processing, Computer Operations, Facilities, Project Management, Planning and Budgeting, and Expense Management

Spring Lakes Park Activities: Please indicate your previous and/or current involvement:

I am currently serving on the Management, Finance, Recreation and Personnel committees. I help where I can with the Events committee, checking partners in and selling tickets.

What is your vision for improving or enhancing Spring Lakes Park?

My vision for SLP is keeping SLP financially stable and viable into the future while maintaining a peaceful and harmonious environment. I would like to see financial forecasting that includes projects needed in the upcoming three to five years while reducing our Chapin principal. I would also like to help grow our current web-site to include more information for the benefit of the entire partnership.



**Spring Lakes Park
Statement of Candidacy – 2024**

My name is Alyce Fackler, 225 Mount Hermon Road, Space 99. I have been a partner at SLP since June 2015.

Experience: Over forty years working in Purchasing, Property Management and Facilities. Efficient in QuickBooks (accounting software) and all bookkeeping skills.

Current Involvement: I have been on the Spring Lakes Park Management Committee for the past two years and am Chair of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer for the Park. The past two years on the Management Committee and my previous experience in banking, bookkeeping and property management certainly qualify me as a candidate to continue my position as a member of the MC.

In the past two years, serving on the MC we have accomplished so much in the Finance and Budget areas. I was instrumental in setting up the Chapin Loan, implementing automatic transfers and overseeing all the Park's bank accounts/monthly statement reconciliations and reviewing the Budget and Balance sheet at the end of each month. I have continually worked with the office staff to ensure correct input to the Accounting Software, as well as maintaining well-kept records and data backup.

Vision For Improvement: Continue to work closely with the Finance Committee to ensure Spring Lakes Park finances are in order and maintain adequate Reserve Monies for upcoming projects and maintenance of the park. Streamline the rent proceeds process to incorporate automatic deposits and statement processing.

I look forward to serving on the Management Committee for another two-year term, working on pending and upcoming projects and to serving as the Partner's representative on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyce Fackler
Spring Lakes Park
Space #99



Tim Schewe, Space #59
Partner since 2019

I have owned several small businesses. That experience includes meeting payroll, engaging competition, and generating a profit. One of my businesses was a wholesale nursery. The future will entail making significant changes to SLP's landscape. Someone with experience growing and maintaining a wide variety of plants should be useful.

I was a member of the Lakes Committee. Additionally, I have helped with the 4th of July festivities, New Year's Dinner, and the recent Bread and Soup extravaganza. I have also been a member of the SLP Choir for the past five years.

SLP is at an important juncture. Changes will be made to our park. I would prefer that those changes conform to the current aesthetic. Where modifications are required, I will strive to ensure that they improve the original vision.