



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

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OUR 51st YEAR

Feb. 9, 2024

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. FEB. 9

EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM
CARDS	1:00 PM

SAT. FEB. 10

SUN. FEB. 11

MON. FEB. 12

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

TUES. FEB. 13

AERO. CLASS	10:00 AM
NATURE CLUB MTG.	11:00 AM

WED FEB. 14

CHOIR PRACTICE	10:30 AM
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THURS. FEB. 15

EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM
KNITT/CROCHET GROUP	1:00 PM

FRI. FEB. 16

EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM
CARDS	1:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TERRY KERNS 16th

HOMES FOR SALE



52,125,184,185 & 216

MC ELECTIONS UPDATE:

The Nominating Committee (NC) is underway seeking candidates interested in running for the Management Committee (MC). If you are interested or if you know anyone who would like to be considered, please contact us so we can get them information regarding the MC.

Please contact Judy Ferguson at jjjudy52@hotmail.com Janet Hill at janetmhill12@gmail.com or Patricia Castagnola at patricia20142014@comcast.net.

PET PROTOCOL

There has been an increase in pet droppings in the common areas. This is to remind partners that it is a privilege to have a pet and there are certain responsibilities that go along with pet ownership. All pet owners were given a copy of the SLP Pet Protocol when registering their pet at the office.

Section 2-b states "Owners must carry bags or a pooper scooper for picking up dog waste. Waste should be disposed of properly at home upon return. It is not permissible to dispose of waste in any Park trash containers". Recently pet owners have been disposing dog waste bags in the patio trash containers. It is not our maintenance staff's job to take care of your dog's waste.

Section 2-e states "Pets are not allowed on common area grass or lawns, yards and driveways of other residents' homes".

Please be a responsible SLP pet owner and follow these rules of pet ownership. If you need a full copy of the protocol, please see Mary in the office.

RODENT ISSUES

It is important to keep your home safe and free from rodents. Rodents have been known to chew insulation on the wiring and plastic pipes. This can lead to costly repairs. Rodents can enter beneath your home if there are gaps in your siding or skirting. There also may be gaps around the holes where water lines enter your home. It is essential that these gaps and holes are closed off using caulk or steel wool. Please inspect the outside of your home and repair and fill any openings you find. Rodents can enter through very small openings, so regardless of the size of the opening fill it.

Nature Club monthly Meeting!
Tuesday, Feb 13th at 11am in the Library



SAVE THE DATE

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The Carport Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Janet Hill at 331-3978. Cost will be \$10 that will go into the Activities fund.

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I want to send out a big thank you to my friends here in Spring Lakes Park, Patty Castagnola, Susan Welte, Sean Smith, Julie Brazil and Janet Hill! Thank you for all your help and kindness! Pete Peterson, #69

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Weekly Rainfall 5 in.



## Partners Corner

**LOST:** My special umbrella was lost during the recent storms. It is a multi-colored Umbrella with dancers on it. It could have blown off my porch at space #83. If you find it please contact Norma Jamieson at 345-1296

**FREE:** I have about 2 dozen cassette tapes of various performing artists that I plan to get rid of. If anyone is interested in them, give me a call. Donna 439 2082

## HERE COMES ITALIAN NIGHT AT SPRING LAKES!

Thursday, February 29



Served Buffet Style

Homemade Beef Lasagna  
Rigatoni with Pesto Cream Sauce  
Rosemary Polenta with Marinara Sauce and Meatballs  
Lobster Mac and Cheese  
Fresh Sautéed Vegetables  
Spinach Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Caesar Salad with Homemade Croutons  
Garlic Bread

Peanut butter Pie

Price is \$14.00 per person  
(No refunds)

**Please bring your own table service.**

Bar opens at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00

Bingo right after dinner

Each card is \$5.00

Winners split the pot!

## Our Water Ways February 9, 2024

### Progress

According to the recycled water decision process, the next steps are: *The Management Committee, MC, will select a design proposal and will put it before the partners for a vote, along with funding models, once they have the information they need.*

The MC is gathering information about a proposal for the Upper Park. There would be no recycled water in Upper Lake, Upper Pond and Upper Stream. That lake and pond would be filled in with material to a level that would accommodate any storm runoff. The lake and pond will be landscaped with native plants and shrubs to be attractive and inviting.

- The Upper Park includes the Upper Lake, Upper Pond, and Upper Stream.
- Based on health concerns some partners expressed about the risks of standing water, and the number of “Let it Be” responses in the park-wide survey, the MC proposes that the Upper Lake and Upper Pond will not have any recycled water, and will be filled in and landscaped to handle any rain runoff.



- Cool Earth Landscapes was contracted to start with the redevelopment of the Upper Stream as phase 1, and Upper Lake and Upper Pond as phase 2.
- During phase 1, a serious erosion was discovered on the bank between the stream and Upper Lake. This erosion was sufficient to cause concern that the path was unsafe for golf cart or foot traffic. At this time Whitlow concrete

was contracted to make emergency repairs to the bank by installing a culvert between the upper lake and stream. This work is now partially completed and will require more work that is scheduled to start mid-February, depending on weather and scheduling. This area will then be landscaped with native plants and shrubs.

- Information gathering for Phase 2 includes a Landscape Architect, needed to draw the proposed Upper Lake and Upper Pond concept to scale, conveying a natural, park-like atmosphere with plants, trees and shrubs. A Civil Engineer will provide further information to ensure that the new footprint and the rest of the park could handle the expected runoff of any major storm event.
- Phase 2 is expected to take 1-2 years once funds, which are available during this period, are approved by the partnership.
- Work on Upper Park will provide insight for the Lower Lake area.

Q: When and why did the Management Committee decide to no longer buy recycled water for the Upper Park?



The MC said they would pivot away from purchasing recycled water during the October 24 Management Committee Update for Partners presentation (the attached slide is from that presentation, posted at the library.)

Financial viability is the MC's primary responsibility. It has been working diligently to establish reserve funds to deal with future challenges and to match current income with current expenditures.

Meanwhile, the Lake Committee survey reflected strong sentiment among partners to **not increase monthly fees or deferred maintenance fees, nor to levy assessments to solve the lakes problem.** In addition, as a senior park there are many on fixed incomes, and the MC is cognizant of that limitation.

At the same time, the cost of adding recycled water to Upper Pond and Upper Lake is the most expensive in the system. Water must be pumped from Lower Lake to Upper Lake and then to Upper Pond. This pumping alone is estimated at \$900/month.

The pumps that remove water from Lower Lake to fill Upper Lake must be covered with enough water to keep them from burning out. For that reason, extra water must be purchased to fill the entire Lower Lake above the amount needed to run the fountains there.

What's more, Upper Lake and Upper Pond have high seepage rates, which require frequent refills. During winter 2023, Upper Pond drained from full (overflowing into Upper Stream) to empty in just over a couple of weeks. In July 2023, Upper Lake drained from full (enough to run the spray fountain and recirculating pipe) to empty in around three weeks.

The next MC team meeting (observers welcome), will be February 20, 10 a.m. at the party house. To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby, Lakes Subcommittee chair, (760) 709