



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

# GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

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March 15, 2024

OUR 51<sup>st</sup> YEAR

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. MAR. 15

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM  
CARDS 1:00 PM

SAT. MAR. 16



SUN. MAR. 17  
HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY

MON. MAR. 18

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

TUES. MAR. 19

AERO. CLASS 10:00 AM  
MGMT. COMM. TEAM MTG. 10:00 AM  
(Party House)

WED. MAR. 20

CHOIR PRACTICE 10:30 AM

THURS. MAR. 21

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM

FRI. MAR. 22

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM  
CARDS 1:00 PM

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

DOUG BROWN 16<sup>TH</sup>  
LINDA CASTRO 16<sup>TH</sup>  
STEVE BORDI 17<sup>TH</sup>  
NANCY REICH 17<sup>TH</sup>  
LILLIAN DERRIGAN 17<sup>TH</sup>  
DEBBI DUNKLEY 20<sup>TH</sup>

## **HOMES FOR SALE**



52, 97, 125, 181, 184, 185 & 216  
Coming Soon 148

Interested in running for a position on the Management Committee?

The Nomination Committee is in the process of contacting prospective candidates. If you are interested, or know someone who might like to be considered, please contact Judy, Janet, or Patty for more information.

Deadline is Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you –

Judy Ferguson: [jjjudy52@hotmail.com](mailto:jjjudy52@hotmail.com)

Janet Hill: [janetmhill12@gmail.com](mailto:janetmhill12@gmail.com)

Patty Castagnola: [patricia20142014@comcast.net](mailto:patricia20142014@comcast.net)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!**

Patty Castagnola & Susan Welte are stepping back from organizing these activities and they are looking for *YOU* to get involved!

CHECK THESE OUT!

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE!** New members are needed! New ideas and energy are welcomed! Currently, the AC meets on the second Thursday of the month. Joining this committee is fun and great way to be involved, meet new people, and help build a strong community through our various activities and events! Join in! The next Activities meeting is Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Party House. Bring a friend & see you there!

**FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!** Volunteer opportunities include making announcements in the Gazette, coordinating the DIY (Do It Yourself) parade, the flag ceremony, and introducing the grand marshal. This annual event is always such a success! Susan and Patty will show you how it's done! Get a few friends to join *you* in the planning!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PATTY AND SUSAN AT 471-8268; Or email: [patricia20142014@comcast.net](mailto:patricia20142014@comcast.net)

We are looking forward to hearing from YOU!

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THE BIRD HOUSE MAKING CLASS!



Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am in the Clubhouse.  
We will be making bird houses (no feeders). All supplies will be donated so all you have to do is call Robbie to make reservations and show up!

Hosted by Robbie Cadwallader

Email: [robbiecadwallader@gmail.com](mailto:robbiecadwallader@gmail.com) , Phone# 831-750-2838

**TWISTED SANDWICH NIGHT ~ THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**CHICKEN PARMESAN GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH**

With Mozzarella Cheese, Homemade Marinara Sauce

On Sourdough Bread with Shaved Parmesan

**SAUTE MUSHROOMS & CARMALIZED ONIONS SANDWICH**

With Pesto & Havarti Cheese on Seeded Bread

**PULLED PORK SANDWICH**

With Asian Slaw & Franchise Roll

**HOMEMADE TOMATO BISQUE SOUP**

Served Family Style

**SALAD WITH HOMEMADE BLACKBERRY DRESSING**

Served Buffet Style with the Sandwiches

**DESSERT ~ It's a Surprise!**

Please bring your own table service; bowls will be provided for soup.

Bar opens at 5:00; Dinner served at 6:00.50/50 Raffle will be happening! Plus, one free dinner giveaway to the lucky diner! Cost: \$14.00. Please make your check payable to Spring Lakes Park.

**NOTICE:** March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-2pm.  
We have scheduled our annual backflow test for our water system on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-2pm. You may experience brown water.

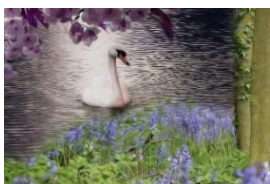


**Rainfall:** 



We has an additional .75 inches of rain last week and 1.35 this week!

*WELCOME TO SPRING LAKES PARK*



*Our newest residents-Space 129*

*Nancy Greer: Phone# 831-252-1019, email: [nkaygreer@aol.com](mailto:nkaygreer@aol.com)*

*Roy Greer: Phone# 831-818-4804, email: [roybly1@gmail.com](mailto:roybly1@gmail.com)*

## It has come to our attention that large dogs are being walked in SLP

54. Pets may be brought into the Park by new residents or acquired by residents only with written permission from the Management Committee. Such permission may be revoked at any time for violations of these rules, or should a pet interfere with the enjoyment of the Park by others. (6/26/2018)
55. If a partner has a disability they consider warrants an exemption from one or more of the rules below, they must file a written request to the Management Committee seeking the exemption. The request should explain which rule(s) they seek exemption from and how such exemption would mitigate their disability. The request should include a statement from the Partner's medical provider verifying that the Partner does have a disability, and that the relief from the Park Pet Rules being requested would constitute a reasonable accommodation. (See Attorney Opinion). (Revised 06/26/2018 replaces 08/26/2014)

Approved pets are the responsibility of the pet owner, and must comply with the current "Pet Protocol" and conform with the following:

- a) Applicable state and local laws
- b) There is a limit of one small dog and one cat per home, or alternatively two cats only. A pet's weight must not exceed twenty (20) pounds.
- c) State law prohibits permitting pets to run at large in the Park. (Revised 01.18.12)
- d) Pets must be kept within the confines of the resident's home and yard, including any visitor's pet. A 3-foot fence may be built on the resident's space to confine the pet. The location and structure of the fence must be submitted on a green sheet and subject to the Architectural and Landscape Subcommittee review and written approval. (Revised 01.18.12).
- e) The yard must be kept clean of feces.
- f) Pets may be walked in Spring Lakes Park on a leash as long as the current Pet Protocol is followed. Cats that are walked in the Park must be litter-box trained and also walked on a leash. The Pet may not be kept if noisy, unruly or demonstrates aggressive, annoying, or frightening behavior toward Park residents, Park employees, contractors, caretakers, or visitors.
- g) Visitors are to be asked not to bring pets, unless it is unavoidable. The pet must be kept within the resident's home. If the guest wants to walk their pet, they must comply with the Spring Lakes Park Pet Rules and Pet Protocol and be accompanied by a park resident.

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### *COMING IN APRIL~SPRING CHOIR CONCERTS*

*Tuesday April, 16th ~ Spring Lakes Park ~ 2:00*

*Wednesday, April 17th ~ Spring Lakes Park ~ 7:00*

*Thursday, April 18th ~ Spring Lakes Park ~ 2:00*

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### **Partners Corner**

Thank you all for coming to my birthday party. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! Unfortunately someone brought me flowers and I don't know who the giver was. If it might have been you, please let me know, Donna Kannall ~ 439-2082.....I would like to thank you!

**Our Water Ways**  
**March 15, 2024**

**Recycled water status** No water has been added to our lakes and ponds since November 8, 2023. Some water is conserved by keeping the dam next to the intake pond closed. ~~~~~

**Q:** What unknowns affect how much water would be needed to sustain our lakes and ponds in the future? In the March 8 Gazette we looked at future rainfall. This week we'll consider a related measure, the water table.

**Background** The March 1 and March 8 Gazettes estimate the future cost of recycled water for Lower Lake, if we were to add as much recycled water there as we did between April and November 2023. Lower Lake holds roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$  the total capacity of all our lakes and ponds, and is the only lake/pond that received some recycled water during those entire 8 months. The estimated cost for 2024 would be \$48,941. Partners' monthly \$24.50 lake redevelopment fees could cover the 2024 estimate with funds left over for redevelopment. If no changes were made, the estimate for 2025 would be \$132,305, a water expense equivalent to \$49.44 per household monthly, and 2026 would be \$146,044, equivalent to \$54.58 per household monthly.



**The water table** An unusually high water table in 2023 may explain why some water remained in Lower Pond all year, although its recycled water was turned off in July, and the entire park's recycled water was turned off in November. The water table is the top level at which the soil is saturated, the level of groundwater that is closest to the surface.

For instance, if you dig a well deeper than the water table, the well will fill with groundwater up to the level of the water table. In this way, lakes, ponds and creeks function like wells. When they are below the water table, groundwater gradually flows into them all year.

Our park lies on some of the lowest land in Scotts Valley, and Lower Lake and Lower Pond are at the lower elevations of the park. Geologists say that most of the groundwater under our park moves gradually toward Camp Evers Creek, visible beyond the dam next to space 71. The amount of rain we get determines the level of the water table, and that level determines whether groundwater helps the creek to run through the summer.

Some summers the creek is empty. But winter 2022/2023 brought record high rain, which raised the water table, and the creek ran all summer. It's unknown how much groundwater contributed to the year-round Lower Pond, or Lower Lake, through summer and fall 2023. In years with less rain and a low water table, groundwater may not help as much, or at all. With no changes, the estimated cost of recycled water to fill Lower Lake (see Background, above) may be greater.

The MC Team meeting (partners observe), is March 19 at 10 a.m. at the party house. [The 3/8 Gazette erroneously reported the meeting would be 3/12] To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby (760) 709-6599. 🐾