



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

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March 1, 2024

OUR 51st YEAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. MAR. 1

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM

SAT. MAR. 2

SUN. MAR. 3

MON. MAR. 4

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

TUES. MAR. 5

AERO. CLASS 10:00 AM

WED. MAR. 6

CHOIR PRACTICE 10:30 AM

THURS. MAR. 7

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM

FRI. MAR. 8

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JERRY REICH 4TH
KATHY BONNER 8TH

HOMES FOR SALE



52,125,184,185,216
97 & 181

Back by Popular Demand!

TWISTED SANDWICH NIGHT AT SPRING LAKES!
THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

FEATURING:

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. Reservations open March 4th at the Clubhouse Lobby. Please make your check payable to Spring Lakes Park.



You are invited to Donna Kannall's 95th birthday celebration on March 10th from 2pm-4pm. Come enjoy coffee, cake and fellowship. No gifts please!



Celebration of life for Gary Luttringer, Space 148

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Gary Alan Luttringer passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024. Please join us in a celebration of his beautiful life on Saturday, March 9th at 11:30 a.m. at the Spring Lakes Clubhouse. Casual attire requested.

CANCELLED: The Oscars Party will be cancelled for the 10th, I double booked the day in error. My apologies! Mary Frank



Rainfall this week, ½ inch.

No Activities Meeting in March.
Next Activities Meeting will be
April 11, 2024
Party House
10:00 AM



Partners Corner



FREE PIANO: Contact Diane Molnar, 234-0315

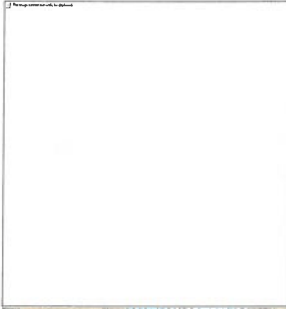
FOR SALE: Under Counter Kenmore Refrigerator for Sale. \$ 24:99

33 inches high

19 inches wide

18 inches deep

Larry Sampson, Space 61 ~ 831 316 4546



FOR SALE: Oak Kitchen Table in good shape \$150, La-Z-Boy Chair X wide cloth in great shape, no tears \$50, Two Twin Beds, 80 inches long in immaculate condition and very comfortable, \$150. Various other things for sale. If interested contact Steve Oppelt, 831-345-1345

Our Water Ways
March 1, 2024

The Lake Subcommittee's (LC) 2023 recommendations, minutes, and associated documents are in the library.

Progress Work on the culvert between Upper Lake and Upper Stream continued on Monday and Tuesday. The drainpipe has been shortened from where it almost reached into Lower Stream, leaving a remnant that extends just beyond the cement. This short pipe moves water away from, and discourages corrosion of, the concrete frame. The outflow area from the pipe has been formed into a properly sloped dry creek in the style of the Upper Stream bed. Water will flow at the angle of the pipe into Upper Stream.

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**Q: How were calculations made in the February 16 Gazette regarding the future cost of recycled water in Lower Lake?**

**Background** Lower Lake comprises 78% of the total water among Upper Lake, Lower Lake, and Lower Pond. One consideration is the future cost of recycled water.

Facing a history of cost overruns for recycled water, in mid-2022 the MC began continuously reducing the amount of recycled water throughout the park. The LC measured how much the water could be reduced while still running the spray fountains. By January 2023 a full-year record had accumulated. This record illustrates the cost of the recycled water purchased under reduced water conditions, with no structural changes.



Keep in mind that 2023 was a record rain year, which reduced the amount of purchased water needed to keep Lower Lake full. During an average year we would need to buy more water than we did in 2023.

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How calculations were made in the February 16 Gazette visit the link - <https://www.svwd.org/Rates>

SLP rates for recycled water were established under our 20-year contract with SVWD. The rate they charge us for *recycled* water, according to the 2004 contract, is 20% of whatever the prevailing *potable* water usage rate is. [Got that? it's weird. Our contract states that we buy *recycled* water based on a *potable* water rate.] In current times, the prevailing rate at the SVWD website is labeled as the *Landscape Potable* rate.

Scroll down to UNIFORM RATES, and find the lower right, green corner.

UNIFORM RATES	Effective	Effective	Effective
(Per 100 Gal)	1/1/2022	1/1/2023	1/1/2024
Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII)	\$1.35	\$1.42	\$1.46
Landscape Potable	\$2.22	\$2.33	\$2.40

You see the rate for Landscape Potable water in 2024 is \$2.40 per hundred gallons. Until the contract expires in mid-October 2024, SVWD charges 20% of \$2.40, which is \$.48 per hundred gallons.

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 From mid-October onward, SVWD will charge SLP the rate that all other SVWD customers pay, which is the *Landscape Recycled* rate. [Got that? after the contract ends, the rate SVWD will charge us for *recycled* water will be based on a *recycled* water rate]. Scroll farther down to -

| <b>VOLUMETRIC RATES<br/>(Per 100 Gal)</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2022</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2023</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2024</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2025</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2026</b> |
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|                    |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Landscape Recycled | \$1.41 | \$1.48 | \$1.64 | \$1.82 | \$2.01 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Starting in mid-October, in less than 8 months, SVWD will charge \$1.64 per hundred gallons, which is more than 3.4 times our current, special contract rate of \$.48.

Starting in January, 11 more weeks later, SVWD will charge the 2025 rate, \$1.82 per hundred gallons, which is more than 3.7 times our current, special contract rate.

In January 2026, SVWD will charge \$2.01, which is more than 4.1 times our current, special contract rate.

In addition, when our contract ends in mid-October, SVWD will begin to charge SLP the meter fee that all other SVWD customers pay. We have a 1" meter. Scroll down to **MONTHLY RATE SCHEDULE - RECYCLED WATER**

| <b>BASIC METER CHARGE</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2022</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2023</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2024</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2025</b> | <b>Effective<br/>1/1/2026</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Meter Size</b>         |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| 5/8"                      | \$44.07                       | \$46.28                       | \$48.59                       | \$51.02                       | \$53.57                       |
| 3/4"                      | \$61.61                       | \$64.69                       | \$67.92                       | \$71.32                       | \$74.88                       |
| 1"                        | \$96.81                       | \$101.65                      | \$106.73                      | \$112.07                      | \$117.67                      |

Using these rates in 2024 to buy the same amount of water that filled Lower Lake in 2023 would cost \$48,941. Upper Lake, Lower Lake, and Lower Pond were kept full until halfway through July, after which recycled water was added to only Lower Lake.

| Gallons used | Time period                                                      | Cost            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2,506,133    | thru mid-Jul, this is the total used in SLP times .78 = LL total | \$12,029        |
| 3,470,872    | mid-Jul thru mid-October, LL only                                | 16,660          |
| 605,753      | 2nd half Oct, LL only, rate increase                             | 9,934           |
|              | 1" Meter half Oct thru December                                  | 267*            |
| 612,847      | November                                                         | 10,051          |
| 7,195,605    | Total 2024                                                       | <b>\$48,941</b> |

\* Feb. 16 Gazette did not calculate the entire 2.5 months

| <b>2025 for Lower Lake</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>2026 for Lower Lake</b>                   |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|--|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|--|------------------|
| 7,195,605 gallons x \$1.82 / 100 = \$130,960                                                                                                                       | 7,195,605 gallons x \$2.01 / 100 = \$144,632 |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
| \$112.07 monthly meter fee x 12 = \$1,345                                                                                                                          | \$117.67 monthly meter fee x 12 = \$1,412    |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
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| water                                                                                                                                                              | \$130,960                                    |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
| meter                                                                                                                                                              | \$1,345                                      |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$132,305</b>                             |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
| water                                                                                                                                                              | \$144,632                                    |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
| meter                                                                                                                                                              | \$1,412                                      |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$146,044</b>                             |           |       |         |  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |       |           |       |         |  |                  |

The next MC Team meeting (partners observe), will be March 5, at 10 a.m. at the party house. To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby, Lakes Subcommittee chair, (760) 709-6599.

# Money Matter\$

The idea of placing a short article in the Gazette, monthly, was discussed in our latest Finance Committee Meeting. The monthly article will help the residents of SLP to stay informed of our finances, upcoming projects, and expenses. In our monthly Management Committee meeting, we review our financial statements, Checking and Savings account balances and our Reserve Fund Balance.

*Reserve Fund: mandated by the State of California and is to be held for larger projects for SLP.*

In the Gazette, we will recap the information, which was shared in the monthly meeting, as well as any new valuable information.

In the monthly management committee Meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, we reviewed some of the following:

- **Bank Accounts balances – Averages monthly balances in aggregate remain the same.**
- **P & L (budget) – As of the end of February SLP is favorable by approx. \$61,000. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter P & L will be available in the April Partner's meeting.**
- **The 2024 project budget has:**
  - \$97,432 reserved for Lakes Projects
  - \$20,000 reserved for common area landscaping between the Lower Lake path and the adjacent homes.
- **The SLP tax return has been completed and the K1s are available for pick up at the office, approximately 4 weeks earlier than last year 😊**
- **One home has been sold as of the end of February keeping us on track for the four needed each year to make the Park's contribution to the Chapin payments. This is needed in addition to the partner's monthly contribution.**
- **The SLV water fee on each partner's invoice will be going down from \$12.66/unit to \$10.29/unit. This will take effect in May.**