



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

# GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

OUR 51<sup>st</sup> YEAR

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Jan. 26, 2024

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<u>FRI. JAN. 26</u>		
EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM	
CARDS	1:00 PM	
<u>SAT. JAN. 27</u>		
<u>SUN. JAN. 28</u>		
<u>MON. JAN. 29</u>		
EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM	
CARDS	1:00 PM	
BILLIARDS	1:00 PM	
<u>TUES. JAN. 30</u>		
AERO. CLASS	10:00 AM	
<u>WED JAN. 31</u>		
CHOIR PRACTICE	10:30 AM	
<u>THURS. FEB. 1</u>		
EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM	
KNITT/CROCHET GROUP	1:00 PM	
<u>FRI FEB. 2</u>		
EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM	
CARDS	1:00 PM	

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

JESSE RICE	27 <sup>TH</sup>
JOANIE ROSEBRAUGH	29 <sup>TH</sup>
DOUG SWARTS	29 <sup>TH</sup>
JOHN GRAY	30 <sup>TH</sup>
DALE STOWELL	31 <sup>ST</sup>
JOYCE MULLEN	1 <sup>ST</sup>

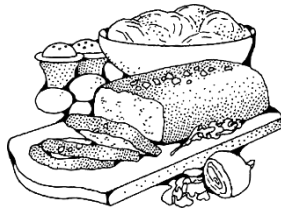
### **HOMES FOR SALE**



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### WELCOME TO JOSHUA KLINGER, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Joshua Klinger as our new maintenance supervisor. He has a variety of experience in the trades including general maintenance repair in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, and landscaping. Joshua has worked in mobile home parks and has supervised maintenance crews. Joshua will be joining us on Thursday, February 1st. Please extend Joshua a warm, SLP welcome when you see him around the Park!



### **It's that time again! Homemade Meatloaf Dinner**

Date is February 8<sup>th</sup>

Served with Potatoes Romanoff and Fresh Sautéed Vegetables by our very own Blanche  
Banana Shortbread Pie for Dessert  
Dinner will be plated so no dishes or silverware required.

Bar opens at 5:00

And Dinner will be served at 6:00pm

Price \$14.00

Date is February 8<sup>th</sup>

Bingo afterwards \$5.00 per card and winner will split the pot!

Sign-ups begin on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Party House has been rented for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for a private event.



Weekly  
Rainfall 7 Inches!

## DECEMBER BIRD REPORT



Our December bird is the **Black-crowned Night Heron**. We spotted two individuals – an adult with its gray-and-black plumage, red eyes, and long white head plume and an immature heron with a grey head and tan body. Night herons mostly hunt (for fish) at night. In the daytime, they nap in trees near water.

Fifty-one bird species visited our park last month including Bufflehead, American Coot, Ring-necked Duck, and Hooded & Common Mergansers. Other lake visitors: Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Great Egret, Canada Goose and our resident Mallards.

Additional highlights: Cedar Waxwing, Fox Sparrow, Pine Siskin, American Robin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Great Horned Owl (heard), Yellow-Rumped Warbler, Western Bluebird, American & Lesser Goldfinches, Hermit Thrush, Hairy & Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Oak Titmouse, Brown Creeper and Red-Shouldered & Red-tailed Hawks. Plus our year-round birds: California Scrub-Jay, House Finch, Dark-eyed Junco, Spotted Towhee, Anna's Hummingbird, Mourning Dove, Rock Pigeon, Song Sparrow, Bewick's Wren, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Black Phoebe, American Crow and Common Raven.

Submitted by June Langhoff; Photo: **Black-crowned Night Heron (immature)**; Photo credit: Leslie Willoughby

### SLP Website Update

The 2023 set of weekly Gazettes have been restored to our website for your reference.

### GAZETTES

We have created Gazette Binders for the Library, 2019-2022 & 2023-Present.

### NEWS PAPERS

Please leave the newspapers in the Library for all to read.

We will be keeping all newspapers for one week (in the plastic bin by the sliding glass door) before they are thrown away.



### Partners Corner

#### Estate Sale

**When:** Saturday Jan. 27 & Sunday Jan. 28

**Where:** Space 125 **Time:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**What:** Clothing, bookshelves, books, baskets, plants, kitchenware, various other wonderful things.



## Our Water Ways January 26, 2024

Yesterday's Management Committee (MC) /Partners meeting hosted a lively discussion of ideas and questions about the future of our lakes basin. I volunteered to continue this column to provide a weekly outlet to match questions with information.

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This week: Drainage

Q: Why does the Lakes Basin need a civil engineering study?

Context: The MC is gathering the information they need to propose a design for consideration by the SLP community. This reconstruction design is for the commons area that includes Upper Pond and Upper Lake. They will work with a civil engineer to determine what effect any redevelopment might have on drainage of the entire Lakes Basin. Filling low areas with rocks and dirt, plus changes in the amount, frequency, and direction of water flow, may affect park drainage.



History: The lakes basin is at the lowest ground elevation in Springs Lakes Park and much of the surrounding area. The lakes were designed not only to beautify the park with spring water, but also to hold and control storm water runoff. Dave Heimer, former head of the park maintenance crew, reports that storm water at one time almost reached the swimming pool. Last winter, water lapped onto

Lower Lake pathways and stream runoff was within inches of a partner's back walkway. Models predict increased precipitation in the long run.

Risk: Flooding can erode SLP infrastructure and require costly repairs. In addition, it can damage and destroy personal property. Standard home and auto insurance does not cover most flood damage.

Recommendations: Civil engineering is different from soil tests for quality, percolation rates and compaction that the Lakes Committee provided. A civil engineer specializes in construction and maintenance of infrastructure projects. Professional designers Scot Rysdale and Joe Ruwe each recommended a civil engineering study before proceeding with any design. Also, the study might be a requirement for any permits that may be required.

To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby, Lakes Subcommittee chair, (760) 709-6599. 📞