

OUR 51st YEAR

THE SPRING LAKES PARK

GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY www.springlakespark.org

Feb. 16, 2024

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 Dessert ~ 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!

PRESIDENTS DAY The Office & Maintenance will be closed on Monday, February 19th.

SAVE THE DATE

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

 FRI. FEB. 16

 EXERCISE CLASS
 10

 CARDS
 11

 <u>SAT. FEB. 17</u>
 11

10:00 AM 1:00 PM

SUN. FEB. 18

MON. FEB. 19	
EXERCISE CLASS	10:00 AM
CARDS	1:00 PM
BILLIARDS	1:00 PM
OFFICE & MAINT. CLOSED	
TUES. FEB. 20	
AERO. CLASS	10:00 AM

WED FEB. 21 CHOIR PRACTICE

THURS. FEB. 22 EXERCISE CLASS

<u>FRI. FEB. 23</u> EXERCISE CLASS CARDS

10:00 AM 1:00 PM

10:30 AM

10:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HOMES FOR SALE



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

JANUARY BIRD REPORT

Our January bird is the Green Heron, a dark stocky bird often found hunched near the water's edge. When



it stretches its neck toward the sunlight, the beauty of the bird is revealed: A velvety green back, rich chestnut body, yellow eye stripe, grey wing feathers outlined in pale tan, and a dark cap often raised into a short crest. It's one of the few bird species that uses tools, luring fish by dropping twigs or small insects as bait. Forty seven bird species visited our park last month including Killdeer, Bufflehead, American Coot, Ring-necked Duck, Canada Goose, Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron and Hooded & Common Mergansers. Additional highlights: Red-winged Blackbird, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Siskin, American Robin, Redbreasted Nuthatch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Great Horned Owl (heard), Western Bluebird, American & Lesser Goldfinches, Hermit

Thrush, Downy, Acorn & Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, California & Spotted Towhees, Oak Titmouse, Turkey Vulture and Red-Shouldered, Red-tailed, & Cooper's Hawks. Submitted by June Langhoff with help from Mary Frank (Green Heron), Susan Hancey (Great Blue Heron) & Clark Wallerizer (Hooded Merganser); Photo: **Green Heron.** Photo credit: Mary Frank

Scotts Valley Senior Center has put out this flyer, if you need a copy they will be available at the office.

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Sample Birdhouse hanging on the tree in front of the Clubhouse!

# CONDOLENCES



Jo Ann Whittle, Space 179

In loving memory of Jo Ann Whittle, who passed away on February 7, 2024, at the age of 79, surrounded by family. Jo Ann was very active in the many activities at Spring Lakes, where she and Jim moved after retirement in 2008.





**Partners Corner** 

FOR SALE: Golf Cart: \$2,500.00

2006 ~ With Head Lights, Charger110 and Rain Cover. Contact Tim Grasso Spc. 207, (831) 252-5034 or (831) 438-5034



## Our Water Ways February 16, 2024

### **Progress Report:**

Work on the culvert between Upper Lake and Upper Stream begins Monday, February 26, weather and scheduling permitting. As much as possible, the large drainpipe would be cut flush with the bank, so the pipe is not visible from above. The outflow area from the pipe will turn into a properly sloped dry creek, which will flow at the angle of the existing pipe into Upper Stream.

The Management Committee (MC) continues to work through Cool Earth Landscapes and other sources to engage a landscape architect for a detailed rendering of the Upper Park proposal, and for evaluation of that proposal by a civil engineer.

Q: What is proposed for Lower Lake?

The MC continues to gather information for a proposal for Lower Lake. One question is the cost of recycled water for Lower Lake. Additional questions include how to reduce the recycled water used, and/or



structural changes, and/or a new funding model.

Starting in mid-2022, the MC has continuously reduced the amount of recycled water used throughout the park. By January 2023 a full-year record had accumulated, showing the total recycled water purchased under these reductions.

Calendar year **2023** was a high rain year, and we purchased recycled water only mid-April through mid-November. The total cost, at least \$34,083, was shared among Upper Lake, Lower Lake, and Lower Pond through mid-July. About 3/4 of that water went to Lower Lake. During the following, dryer, four months, all recycled water went to Lower Lake alone. Lower Lake received at least **\$31,384** of

recycled water during 2023.

In **2024**, our reduced-rate contract ends in eight months, mid-October. For the same amount of recycled water used in Lower Lake in 2023, on the same mid-April through mid-November schedule, SVWD would charge at least **\$48,884**.

In **2025**, for the same amount of recycled water used in Lower Lake in 2023, on the same schedule, SVWD would charge at least **\$132,304**.

This is more than twice the current annual income from Lake Redevelopment fees.

In 2026, SVWD would charge at least \$146,044.

The next MC Team meeting (partners observe), will be February 20, at 10 a.m. at the Party House. To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby, Lakes Subcommittee chair, (760) 709-6599.