



THE SPRING LAKES PARK

GAZETTE

AN AGE 55 COMMUNITY

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April 26, 2024

OUR 51st YEAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. APRIL 26

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
CARDS 1:00 PM

SAT. APRIL 27

JO ANN WHITTLE MEMORIAL 1:30 PM

SUN. APRIL 28

CANDIDATES FORUM 1:00 PM

MON. APRIL 29

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

TUES. APRIL 30

AERO. CLASS 10:00 AM

WED. MAY 1

THURS. MAY 2

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
EASTER DINNER 5:00 PM

FRI. MAY 3

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CHRISTINE HOLMLUND 27TH
EDDIE MORSE 28TH
JUDITH HILLMAN 29TH
KATHY HOBBS
1ST SARA EGOL 2ND

HOMES FOR SALE



52, 97, 148
Coming Soon 105



A SWINGIN' JAZZ AFFAIR JAM SESSION

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 4-7

COMPLIMENTARY PIZZA

LIVE AT THE CLUBHOUSE A WORLD CLASS
JAZZ BAND WITH GREAT MUSICIANS AND SINGERS.

MARTAN MANN, KEYBOARD; DAN ROBBINS, BASS; RICK WALKER, DRUMS; BRAD HECHT, TENOR SAXOPHONE; PHIL SMITH, SOPRANO SAXOPHONE; STEVE WILSON, TROMBONE, AND VOCALS BY KATHY BLACKBURN, JUDY WEBB AND, ANN WHITTINGTON.

DANCE, CLAP YOUR HANDS, SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS, AND JOIN THE PARTY. IT WILL BE FUN!!!
BAR OPEN FOR PURCHASES OF SOFT DRINKS, BEER AND WINE.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Sunday, April 28th at 1:00pm in the Clubhouse

Celebration of Life
for
Jo Ann Whittle
Saturday, April 27, 2024
1:30 pm
Spring Lakes Club House
225 Mt. Hermon Rd
Scotts Valley, CA



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Geese Report: We have had 2 occasions of nesting geese (different pairings) in the Park in April .One site was on the island in the lower lake. The other was on a resident carport. Both resulted in 5 eggs each. The first set of eggs (5) were oiled with corn oil per Federal Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements. After the oiling it was decided to remove the eggs entirely which is also approved by DFW. The second set of 5 eggs (after further inquiry by Mary Frank, our Office Manager) were delivered to the Native Animal Rescue facility on 17th Street in Santa Cruz. We did not have this information prior to oiling and removing the first set of eggs. In the future, if it can be arranged, our intent will be to take any new goose eggs to this site. As Park Manager I am certified with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Canada Goose Nest and Egg Depredation. Thank you. Jesse PM

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**Residents:** Please be aware that as a result of Juniper removal in the middle of the Park there are bunny rabbits looking for new homes. You would do well to inspect the skirting areas around your homes (and sheds) and seal up any access points that rabbits may be looking for to establish residence! From personal experience at my residence they are persistent and determined to make your home theirs. Thank you, Jesse PM

Valley Gardens Site Work, April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, On Site Discing

The golf course property will be doing site work next week, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be excavating old brush and dead trees on the property Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have a team on site discing the entire property. Thank You, Robson Homes

**Money Matters\$**

The edition of Money Matters will be in next week's Gazette.

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**Gary Cramer retired from the Management Committee, MC, on Tuesday.** During his terms on the MC, Gary's contributions to the Lake Committee, LC, had long-lasting benefits for Spring Lakes Park. He advocated for a survey of partners to better understand their preferences for the lakes. Although several committee members resisted his survey ideas, Gary's leadership, draft survey, and the committee's feedback improved the survey that was distributed park-wide last year.

He advocated for a comprehensive long-term plan for the entire lakes basin, rather than any temporary, piecemeal approach. The Lake Committee followed that guidance when asking designers for descriptions and cost estimates for the five concepts presented in town hall meetings last year. In the process we all became aware of potential overall costs and the timeline. Of course, each lake or pond may be amenable to an individual approach. But a comprehensive plan allows comparisons among long-term investments, plus comparisons among partial investments. That is, if we spend x dollars on one fifth of the park, how would we feel about spending roughly five times that amount on the entire lakes basin?

Gary worked to conserve water used throughout the park. He raised awareness of the value of each water source, especially during the drought emergency. This awareness helped the LC evaluate the risks of future water sources for the lakes and ponds. He shared maps of SLP's landscape water use, color-coded by source – recycled water, potable well water, and potable San Lorenzo Valley Water District water. In other contributions, Gary advocated for using native and Australian drought-resistant plants.

One example of Gary's dedication occurred when the LC proposed budget items for 2023 on a tight schedule. Gary delivered his comments on time, although he was on vacation in Hawaii. Recognizing that friends and family make volunteers' efforts possible, the LC thanks Gary and Jill and their supporters for his efforts. Here's to their next well-earned vacation – hopefully uninterrupted.



**Cool Earth aims to complete landscaping** areas around the Upper Stream this week, depending on the rain predicted for today.

**Jesse reported on the park's efforts at goose population control**, in an effort to discourage geese increasing their numbers by nesting in the park. Goose nests and eggs have been removed following the guidelines and reporting under our federal wildlife depredation permit. Santa Cruz Native Wildlife Rescue accepted the eggs and is incubating them.

To chat or tour the basin, call Leslie Willoughby (760) 709-6599. 🐼