

GAZETTE

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OUR 51st YEAR

Nov. 22, 2024

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

FRI. NOV. 22

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00AM

SAT. NOV. 23

SUN. NOV. 24

MON. NOV. 25

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM
BILLIARDS 1:00 PM

TUES. NOV. 26

AERO. CLASS 10:00 AM

WED. NOV. 27

CHOIR PRACTICE 10:30 AM
BUNCO 1:30 PM

THURS. NOV. 28



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
OFFICE/MAINT. CLOSED**

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM

FRI. NOV. 29

OFFICE CLOSED

EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 AM

**NO GAZETTE NEXT WEEK
DATES TO REMEMBER**

HAPPY HOUR TREE TRIMMING
SATURDAY NOV. 30TH 4PM-6PM

CHRISTMAS LUNCH- ELKS LODGE
MONDAY, DEC. 2ND 11 AM

TEAM MEETING ~ DEC. 3RD
10:00 AM – PARTY HOUSE

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
DECEMBER 3RD 2PM
DECEMBER 4TH 7PM
DECEMBER 5TH 2PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULIE Le DUC	24
NANCY PRINGLE	24
ESTER WOODBRIDGE	26
MARILYN SAMPSON	27
LIBBY GRAHAM	28
CHANDRA SOUZA	29



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MC Notes

The MC would like to thank Check-in: Ann Shaw, Elaine Wedegaertner, Mary McGranahan, Dina Stocker, and Marsha Moody. Counting votes: Nancy DeSaedeleer, Ann Shaw, and Richard Dean for helping with the Semi-Annual Meeting, checking people in and being the vote counters.

A big shout-out, thanks to Nancy Diaz and Debbie Benham for the hours of work they have put in reorganizing the Park library collection – have a look in the library to see the fabulous results.

As reported at the Semi-Annual Meeting, the hydrologist survey work, weather permitting will be finished today. Next phase is the hydrologist's analysis and recommendations.

Want to know who to call if you need an electrician, someone to powerwash, or help with your landscape, or other needs? A Partner binder has been established and will be kept in the library by the other binders on top of the stand on your right as you come into the library. The Park cannot recommend contractors, but partners can. This will only be successful if you post your experiences and recommendations in the binder.

There will not be a Gazette Thanksgiving week.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday November 29th.

Pet alert: At 10:45 a.m. Tuesday a coyote trotted up Valley View near the park entrance and then headed toward the club house. Wednesday at dusk, one reclined on #21's lawn.

To all SLP Partners- For those of you who were unable to attend our Town Hall Presentation at the Clubhouse on November 2nd, we would like to invite you to a repeat presentation at our home, #187, on Saturday, November 23rd from 10am-11am. Please call or email and let us know what meeting you would like to attend so we can save you a place. We will be discussing our design plan options for the Upper Pond and Upper Lake. There will be slides and photos. We welcome your ideas, concerns, and questions. We hope to see you here....#187. Thank you,

Larry & Terri White & Resident Team. Phone# 831-438-3513

Email: tw95060@cruzio.com.



Bunco will be played on Wednesday, November 27th at 1:30pm. PLEASE RSVP by the 26th. to Sandy Payton, 461-1380. This is our last game until January 22,2025,



Happy Hour/Tree Trimming Party at the Clubhouse!
Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 4:00 - 6:00pm!
The Wine and Beer Bar will be open! Please bring an appetizer to share!



CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!



**Our annual SLP Holiday Party at the Elks Club
Monday, December 2, 2024**

No Host Bar Opens at 11:00
Lunch is Served at 12:00

Our Holiday *Buffet Menu*

~Tri-Tip ~ Chicken Piccata ~ Penne Pasta with Pesto Cream Sauce~
~Caesar Salad ~ Fresh Fruit Salad with Mango & Pine Nuts in Lime & Mint
Plus Watermelon, Pineapple, & Berries~
~Tomato with Mozzarella & Fresh Basil & Fresh Vegetables~
~Bread, Butter, and Coffee~
~Italian Rum Cake for Dessert served at each table~

Price per person is \$14.00. Price for non-residents is \$39.00. Price includes tax and tip.

Reservations will begin on Friday, November 15th at the Clubhouse. Please make checks payable to Spring Lakes Park. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Nov. 27th at noon. There will be no refunds after that date.

We will be giving away 6 gift certificates to a few of our local establishments!
And, we will also be having our signature 50/50 raffle!

If you would like to volunteer to drive a neighbor to the luncheon OR if you need a ride, please contact Barbara at bella22802@aol.com or call Barbara at 831-212-6848



Spring Lakes Christmas Choir Concerts at the Clubhouse!
We will have repeat performances on the below dates.

December 3rd at 2pm 🌿 December 4th at 7pm 🌿 December 5th at 2pm



WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY BAND WINTER CONCERT

December 15th, 2024 ~ 2:00
Scotts valley Cultural & Performing Arts Center
FREE

Come and enjoy the music of the Christmas season right here in Scotts Valley. If so inclined, you are also welcome to join us as we will be featuring American Idol winner James Derbin at the Mello Center in Watsonville at 7pm, Friday December 13. Also performing that evening will be the WCB youth band.

THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTNER
NOTICE. THE COVER BROKE AND WE ARE
WAITING ON REPAIRS.

Money matter\$

- Bank Accounts balances – Total: **\$753,401.19**
- Fourteen homes have been sold since January 2024.
- Interest earned in the past three months on Morgan Stanley is \$2,684.16
- September 2024 Profit and Loss is posted on SLP Website
- Biannual Meeting Updates
- MC approved the New Schedule of Fees for 2025
- MC approved the increase of \$5.00 a month to the Reserve Fund
- MC approved the rounding to the closest whole dollar and an increase in monthly rent of \$12.00 on 1/1/2025.
- Partners approved MC spending limit to be increased to \$65,000.
- Partners approved MC spending limit for emergency repair to \$100,000.
- Additional passthrough increases are:
- City of Scotts Valley sewer costs will increase \$3.94 to \$47.73 starting in July 2025.
- San Lorenzo Valley water district will increase \$1.03 per unit to \$11.32 per unit on 1/1/2025.
- Comcast (for internet, TV) will increase \$1.07 on 1/1/2025.
- SLP Lakes Redevelopment – no current increase for partners
- Property Tax increase of \$.08 to \$21.83 on 1/1/2025

SEPTEMBER & OCOBER BIRD REPORT



American Kestrel.

Submitted by June Langhoff

Photo credits: me (Turkeys), Kathie Hobbs (Great Egret)

We spotted 43 bird species in our park in September and 46 in October. A big treat was our first-ever sighting of Wild Turkeys. A pair walked in (using the culvert at the back of the park. They even used the pedestrian crosswalk! Thanks to Susan Fisher & Carl Cobb who told me what they had seen and helped me find the birds again.

Here's a partial list of some of the birds seen in the park in the past two months: Northern Flicker, Western Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Great Horned Owl (heard only), Killdeer, Double-crested Cormorant, Band-tailed Pigeon, Yellow Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Red-winged Blackbird, Black-crowned Night Heron, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Wrentit, Cedar Waxwing, Red-shouldered & Red-tailed Hawks, Belted Kingfisher, Ring-neck Duck, Common Merganser, Coot, Great Egret, Nuttall's & Acorn Woodpeckers and





Please welcome our newest resident

Charlotte Wachtel, Space 31

Phone# 510-813-2969 Email: charlotte.wachtel@att.net



Rainfall this week .50 inches

The Party House has been rented on Saturday, November 23rd
The Party House has been rented on Thursday, November 28th
The Club House has been rented on November 29th



Partners Corner

A question for Spring Lakes Park Veterans...

Veterans Day on Monday seemed very low key in Santa Cruz, and non-existent in Scotts Valley. Scopazzi's Restaurant in Boulder Creek served a special Veterans dinner, and there was a program with music and speakers, all hosted by the San Lorenzo Valley Museum. They do this annually.

I missed having *some* sort of gathering of fellow Veterans in the Park, to share a beer with. Before next November 11th I'd like to see if Veterans living in Spring Lakes Park will join me in forming a very casual group. The initial objective would be to simply meet and enjoy the companionship of others who have served in the armed forces...a unique and life changing experience. I'll buy the beer, or whatever the group would prefer.

If interested, please text me at 345-5485, or email me at dick.hancey@gmail.com , or leave a note in my mail tube. Please include your military service, the years you served, and your highest held rank. Or, you can let me know that you are a vet, but do not want to participate in this group.

Thanks for your consideration,
Dick Hancey, USAF (retired)