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First Quarter Projects of 2022

by Wesley Shryock
MBA, CMCA
BVSA General Manager

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful holiday season! As we head into 2022, I'd like to share with the membership our project goals for the first quarter. Each year, when you pay your assessments, some of that money is earmarked for "reserves." The funds in reserves allow us to replace or update amenities as needed. The projects mentioned here are all being paid for out of reserve funds.

Amenity Cards Update: The BVSA has had the same amenity cards and system in place since 2006. This has meant that there are outstand-

ing cards of previous owners, renters, adult children, etc., that are invalid or should no longer be active. In the first quarter of 2022, we will begin to roll out an updated card system. We are working with the BVCSO to utilize the Gatehouse system with updated technology. This will allow the BVSA to activate an amenity card with a chip that can be read at both the gate and at our amenities. Eventually, when an owner sells or a tenant transfers, we will be able to inactivate those cards immediately, preventing unauthorized entry into the community or amenities with those cards. In the future, we will also be equipping our rangers with the ability to verify the validity of an amen-

ity card when they are at the lakes, trails, parks, etc.

We will be using this opportunity to clean up our amenity card lists. The BVSA office will be rolling out new cards to residents alphabetically each month. New forms are being created now. We will be offering limited Saturday hours, as well as making plans to work with our members who reside out of town, to issue these cards as efficiently as possible. In order to ensure that amenity cards are only issued to one family unit residing together per residence, we will require updated government issued ID's/proof of residency for anyone over the age of 18, as well as current lease agreements for renters/tenants in order to issue a new card. More information will be available in future *Bear Tracks*, on our website at bvsa.org, and on our social media pages.

Mulligan Room Patio Expansion Completion: As of this writing, we are nearing the completion of this project. The fireplace, fans, and heaters have been planned and

ordered. We are excited that this will mean comfortable outdoor seating for most of the year.

Equestrian Center Campground Bathrooms: The bathrooms at the Equestrian Center will receive a much needed and similar update as we have done in updating the Cub Lake, 4 Island, and main equestrian center bathrooms.

BVSA Office/Mulligan Room/Golf Parking Lot Asphalt: Last year, the asphalt was replaced at the Country club/tennis/pool parking lots. This year, we will be contracting out to update another area once the weather/temperature allows. Our goal is to make this as painless as possible for the members and to be completed in as short of a time frame as we are able. We will give members as much notice as possible when the time comes.

The BVSA staff is looking forward to serving you and working together to make 2022 a great year to live in Bear Valley Springs! 🐾

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23901 Wible	BVS	\$441,800	rep seller
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News from the BVSA Board

Submitted by

Guy Munday

BVSA Board Vice-President

By the time you are reading this, it will be 2022 – Happy New Year! As we turn the page on 2021 and head into a new year, I thought it would be helpful to look back and share the highlights from the past year with my

fellow members.

Welcome New Members!

As of this writing, at the end of November, 376 escrows were processed by the BVSA in 2021! Considering that we have 3,580+ lots, that is a 10% turnover in ownership, which is similar in numbers to 2020. Additionally, 26 new homes were approved by

the ECC and nine homes were completed during 2021. We welcome those who have found our beautiful gem of a community and hope that you will get involved in our many clubs, committees, activities, and volunteer opportunities within BVS!

Events & Youth Sports Highlights

Although covid restrictions prevented our hockey league this year, the youth of BVS enjoyed a variety of sports throughout 2021. The child and youth participation for our sports this year were:

- Basketball – 96
- Baseball Camp – 80
- T-ball – 28
- Soccer – 306
- Grizzlies Swim Team - 39

We thank the recreation staff and all the volunteers who made these leagues happen for the youth of BVS! We also thank Debbie Papac and her team of staff and volunteers for a successful return of 4th of July festivities in 2021, as well as other events throughout the year, to give the community a feeling of normalcy during a difficult season.

Food & Beverage Highlights

While staffing and supply chain shortages plagued our restaurants this year, we are coming closer to pre-covid revenues at both of our restaurants. The Mulligan Room patio is nearing completion and will make for additional seating and revenue. The fans, fireplace, and outdoor heaters will allow it to be utilized even during our changing Tehachapi seasons. Weekly entertainment and line dancing resumed at the Oak Branch Saloon. The asphalt re-paving project of the parking lots included a new curbside fea-

ture which was first utilized at Thanksgiving. Overwhelmingly positive reviews have been received for Thanksgiving dinner, where we served 296 customers for dine in and 178 for curbside, totaling 474 meals served! Many thanks to food and beverage manager, Malissa Rodriguez, for her planning of the meal. Jeff Gadzia, Amanda Lara, and their back and front house staff executed delicious food and service to our members, making things feel more “normal” and kicking off the holiday season. We have also added a new pizza oven to the kitchen, which will help us to serve more pizza than ever before. The new curbside lane will also allow membership to order pizza and food online and pick up in your pj's! Lastly, the new generator for the Oak Tree Country Club was installed, complete with fencing, which will ensure that we will be able to stay open during any future PSPS events that may occur.

Projects Completed

Additional projects completed by our maintenance team included: painting at the pickleball courts, the completion of Warne Field, new decomposed granite at the Nature Path, new concrete in areas of the golf course, updating the equestrian center bathrooms and shed, installing the Tailwagger-fundraised equipment at the dog park, and giving a facelift to the BVSA administration office with stacked stone. We also launched a much-needed and welcomed new website at bvsa.org.

The BVSA Board of Directors is grateful to the staff and volunteers who made all these happen this year. We are looking forward to continuing to serve our wonderful community in 2022. 🐾

Due to the trucker shortage across the country, there has been a significant delay in the delivery of *Bear Tracks* to the publisher, and thus to our members. This could potentially affect future delivery of *Bear Tracks*, as well. While you are waiting for your mailed hard copy, we encourage you to view it online at the link below. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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AMAZING VIEWS SURROUND YOU on this scenic property which overlooks the valley floor, lakes and golf course. Driveway entrance is already in place and has had brush previously removed with some basic tractor grading. Come and enjoy all that this gate guarded community of Bear Valley Springs has to offer.
Jose Chavez
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DRE #01969070
\$16,000



#9984599

WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM CONDO next to Oak-tree Golf Course. Spacious living room, wood burning fireplace and glass doors opening up to a large fenced patio. Downstairs master bedroom has a walk-in closet, bathroom and it's own door to the backyard patio. Galley kitchen with a breakfast bar.
Kari Munoz
(661) 350-3537
DRE #01942121
\$214,000



#9983864

OVER 16 ACRES situated on an oak studded lot with an entrance that leads to an ideal spot to build your dream home and plenty of room to add a workshop and horse stables. This property overlooks the valley floor and San Joaquin Valley. This property is two parcels with one HOA fee. Water Meter has already been installed.
Jose Chavez
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\$65,000



#9983848

SIMPLY AMAZING... Recently Remodeled, this spacious Cabin Style home offers a nice mix of cozy natural wood accents blended with elegant modern updates throughout. Perfectly situated on a slightly elevated lot taking full advantage of the stunning 360 Degree Views.
\$581,000



#9983976

SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN RETREAT! Magnificent custom designed ranch style home offering a perfect blend of rustic luxe, nature, and privacy. Words cannot describe how incredibly beautiful this property is. You will truly appreciate the stunning unobstructed Valley and Mountain views, the abundant wildlife, the peaceful setting all surrounded by lush mature Oaks.
\$865,000



#9984455

WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED 3 bd/2 bath condo with 1392 SF. The spacious living room features vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace. Lots of windows w/blinds make this a light filled living area. Bath has a walk-in tub. Galley-style kitchen is updated with beautiful tile counters and back splash. A stackable washer and dryer are included!
\$229,000



#9983082

SPECTACULAR PRIVATE MOUNTAIN RETREAT! Gorgeous Home Offering Unobstructed Panoramic Views. This gorgeous home is perfectly situated high on a beautiful 5 acre hillside lot to maximize the amazing views. This home is perfect for a weekend getaway or full time resident who wants a little privacy. Located just 2-hours from LA & 1-Hour from Bakersfield!!
\$525,000



#9984357

VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS... Enjoy Unobstructed Southern Sierra Views From this Beautiful Custom Home...Spacious open great room floorplan offering vaulted ceilings and consistent neutral design theme throughout. Large picture windows in living area as well as den/3rd bedroom bring the outdoors in. This home is move-in ready!
\$315,000



#9984588

UNIQUE OPEN FLOOR plan home with spectacular views, nestled among the oaks. This uncommon 3-bedroom, 3 1/2-bathroom home sits on 5.03 acres. The living room has a cozy wood-burning stove that provides heat and ambiance. Living room at the center of the home features vaulted ceilings and a wall of sliding glass doors opening to an oversized deck.
\$380,000



#9984553

BEAUTIFUL HOME featuring 3 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms. The entry way welcomes you home with stunning slate floors and opens up into the spacious living room. The living room features vaulted ceilings, beautiful wood floors, river rock fireplace and a wall of picture windows with amazing views. Adorable multi-use Sunroom.
\$379,000



#9984679

ONE OF A KIND GEM, located on the valley floor near the golf course and walking trails. 3BDRM/ 2BA 1708 SqFt. This super clean home is move-in-ready. The large great room features vaulted ceiling and a beautiful fireplace. The flooring is laminate and tile. Light/bright kitchen with beautiful quartz counter!
\$424,900



#9983415

INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN 40 ACRES. This property has it all, impressive rock outcroppings, mature oak trees, incredible views, privacy, a round pen and a pad to build the home of your dreams. The property is very usable, with some sloping to create many options, a small vineyard, an orchard, equestrian center, livestock or just an amazing playground complete with wildlife!
Kari Blackburn
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#9984656

WHAT A FIND! You must see this super clean 3 bedroom 2 bath home to appreciate all that it has to offer. There is 1848 square feet of living area. The master bedroom is very large it will accommodate large bedroom furniture. One of the guest bedrooms is also very large, it could be nice for a parent who lives with you. The third bedroom could be used for a home office.
\$369,500



#9984308

COME TAKE A LOOK. Country Charmer. Beautiful home was custom built with love. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, office, pellet stove granite counters. The yard is over 2.5 acres, 3 car garage, RV dump site, Large storage unit, chicken coop and best of all the solar panels are owned, no lease.
\$529,999



#9984602

COUNTRY COMFORTS! First time on the market in over 30 years. Spaciously appointed 2BR/2BA home approx. 1,837 sq. ft. on 2.57 usable acres, on its own Well! Separately, a Very Impressive 25' x 50' permitted two-story Barn/Workshop, including a one-car garage, bathroom and several large Workshop/Craft rooms in approx 2500 of finished sq.ft.!
\$575,500



#9984353

THIS BEAUTY BACKS UP to the Golden Hills Nature park. 1841 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, 1.3/4 baths has a large formal living room; the separate family room boasts a floor to ceiling brick fireplace. The kitchen has been updated and the dining room features built-in hutch. There is a large master closet in the spacious master bedroom suite.
\$397,000

Let's talk about exterior lighting

Submitted by

BVS Environmental Control Committee

One of the express purposes and intentions of the C&R's is to preserve the natural environment of Bear Valley Springs to the maximum extent reasonably practicable. Therefore, the intent of the Environmental Control Committee Rules on lighting is that exterior lighting would be as

unobtrusive as possible, maintaining subtle, low level lighting that is in keeping with the semi-rural character of Bear Valley Springs. Exterior lighting is permitted to the extent required for safety, but glare or exposed filaments should be kept to a minimum to preserve the character and environment of the community.

Here are some of the ECC Rules related to lighting that you may not know:

- Although we have all greatly enjoyed the many festive holiday lights displays, please remember that holiday lights and exterior holiday decorations must be removed within four weeks after the holiday date.

- All exterior lighting except low wattage solar ($\frac{1}{4}$ watt or less) must be extinguished by 10:30 p.m., with the exception of short periods to facilitate the arrival or departure of family or guests.

- Security lights programmed to stay on continuously throughout the night are prohibited. Lighting controlled by motion detectors is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per cycle.

- Landscape/decorative lighting should be shielded in fixtures to minimize visibility from neighboring lots and the common areas. Low voltage is preferred, with a maximum of

15 watts, or 120 lumens, frosted, incandescent and spaced no less than 18 feet apart.

- Whenever possible, reflectors should be utilized in lieu of light fixtures. Light output for driveway lights is limited to a single 25 watt bulb, or 120 lumens per fixture, spaced not less than 18 feet apart along the driveway. The height of lights along the driveway shall not exceed four feet. Lights marking the entrance from the street may not exceed seven feet at the bulb.

- Low wattage solar lights, no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ watt per fixture, can be utilized as landscape/decorative or driveway lights. They shall be 120 lumens or less and spaced no less than 18 feet apart.

We hope that this review of our lighting rules will help you to evaluate the current light-

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Why should you care about Yellow Starthistle?

Submitted by

Megan Clark

Communications Specialist

Profile of an invader

As the rainy season approaches, hundreds of thousands of seeds lie in the soil waiting for the opportunity to germinate. Each plant can produce about 30,000 seeds per square meter, over 95% of which are viable. The YST germinates from fall through spring. Each plant sends a few leaves to the surface to gather sunlight, while most of its energy is spent sending roots several feet into the soil.

In late spring, the seedlings proliferate into sprawling, gray-green plants ranging from 6-inches to 5-feet in height. In early summer, they remain green when other plants are golden. The deep root system developed during the rainy season allows these plants to grow long after native species have "dried down." A loose, cotton-like substance coats the rigid, blue-green stems and



leaves, giving them a grayish cast. The bright yellow flower heads are unmistakable, identified by hard, sharp spikes up to 2" in length.

Physical Control

YST is best removed by cutting it off at or below ground level. It is safe to allow the plants to decompose on the ground if cut before they have

flowered. After flowering, they must be carefully collected onto a tarp to prevent seed dispersal. Disposal facilities for flowering plants are available at the CSD's Yellow Starthistle burn pit, located at the solid waste transfer station.

Mowing will control YST provided it is well-timed and used on plants that are near-



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JACARANDA DR - \$22,500 1.25 acres - Lot 554	SHEEPTRAIL CT - \$60,000 3.85 acres - Lot 99
PARAMOUNT DR - \$80,000 3.84 acres - Lot 192	

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ly mature but not flowering. Mowing the early growth stages accelerates the regrowth of YST by increasing light penetration to the lower levels of the plant. The deep taproot enables the plant to regenerate itself, often branching and flowering below mower height. Mowing a plant that is in flower will spread the seed over a wider area.

Sheep, cattle, and goats are effective when allowed to graze YST before the flowering stage. Intensive grazing in May and June, using large numbers of animals for a short duration, can reduce the plants' seed production. Avoid overgrazing, as reducing the competitive species around the YST will encourage regrowth of the YST.

Chemical Control

Aminopyralid and clopyralid are growth regulator herbicides for use in non-crop areas, including rangeland and pastures. Unlike other growth regulator herbicides, these are effective on YST, both post-emergence and pre-emergence. The most effective timing for aminopyralid application is from December to March when the plants range from seedling to rosette in size; its soil residual should last until the end of the rainy season. Clopyralid has a shorter soil residual, so the ideal application window is from January to March.

Revegetation

Once the YST has been controlled, revegetation is necessary to prevent regrowth. Plant species used depend on the location and intended use of the land. Pastures should utilize fast-growing, competitive grass species. Grasses are best because the selective herbicides used on YST will not damage grasses. Native wildflower species are suitable for areas around the home. In all instances, choose species that are suited for the site and will grow well.

Success depends upon all property owners striving to get this invasive species under control. The BVCS and BVSA each have a control plan for easements and public lands, but property owners are responsible for abatement within their property lines. Without cooperation and consistent elimination, this persistent invader will continue to spread and have a detrimental effect on land use and desirability.

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Can your home withstand a wildfire?

Submitted by
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Communications Specialist

Wildfire is a part of the natural cycle in California and is essential to most ecosystems' health. Fire causes our closed-cone conifer seeds to germinate by clearing underbrush, and allowing water and sunlight access to the forest floor. This allows plant life to regenerate and provide food for many wildlife species. The ash left behind by a fire also supplies nutrients to the soil.

Although beneficial for our environment, wildfire poses a severe threat to our homes. We can increase our safety by preparing well ahead of fire season.

Wildfire threatens your home in three ways:

Contact by Flames: Vegetation and other fuels burning near the house produce flames that directly contact the home and ignite it.

Radiated Heat: Radiant heat is produced by invisible heat waves traveling from a flame. Enough radiant heat can ignite a home or break windows that allow embers to enter the house and ignite it from the inside.

Flying Embers: Embers are the number one cause of home ignition during a wildfire. The winds created by the fire's heat can transport embers long distances – in some cases, a mile or more. When they land in easily ignitable materials on or near a home, a fire begins.

Protect Your Home

Create a buffer zone 100 feet around your home to slow or halt the spread of wildfire. This buffer zone will protect your home against igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat.

- Create a defensible space of 100 feet around your home by clearing weeds, brush, and other vegetation and cutting grass to a maximum height of four inches. Cut weeds and grass before 10 a.m., when temperatures are cooler to reduce the

chance of sparking a fire.

- Trim branches and limbs six to 10 feet off the ground and a minimum of 10 feet away from structures and other trees.

- Clear leaves and debris from your roof, eaves, and rain gutters.

- Remove combustible materials from around and under decks.

- Keep woodpiles, propane tanks, and other combustible materials away from your home and other structures.

Hardening your home against wildfire

As you repair, replace, or remodel, consider using fire-retardant materials to help your home resist radiant heat and embers.

- When replacing your roof, use ignition-resistant materials such as composition, metal, or tile. Block any spaces between the roof decking and covering to prevent ember intrusion.

- Replace older vents with more modern vents designed to prevent intrusions by flying embers. All vent openings should be covered with ¼-inch metal mesh. Attic vents in eaves or cornices or should be baffled to prevent intrusion – mesh is not enough.

- Replace windows with dual-paned tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

- Decks and surfaces within 10 feet of the building should be built with ignition-resistant, non-combustible, or other fire-safe materials.

- Install weather stripping around and under doorways to prevent ember intrusion.

- Replace wood siding and shingles with ignition-resistant

materials such as stucco, fiber cement, wall siding, or wood that is treated with a fire-retardant chemical.

Protect Your Home by Protecting Your Community

Fire Adapted Community: A fire-adapted community is a community that can survive a wildfire with little assistance from firefighters. The quote below sums it up, and you can learn more at www.fireadapted.org

“The community acknowledges and takes responsibility for this by preparing for a fire at multiple levels, including the use of appropriate building construction materials and proper vegetation management. Members of the community are concerned with safety: the safety of the individual, homes and businesses, community infrastructure, open spaces, riparian areas, any and all community assets. They address issues, plan, prepare and work with their local government agencies, fire services, and citizenry to reduce their risk if a wildfire comes their way” (Ingram, K. (2015, April 10). Becoming a fire-adapted community. Retrieved January 30, 2020, from <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=17201>)

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—Rosemarie Donis

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- **ASTRONOMY CLUB** - Enjoy the night skies and learn about Astronomy with an enthusiastic group. Monthly meetings 1st Monday, 6:30 pm, Equestrian Center Lounge. Contact: Pres. Claude Plymate, info@bvsac.org
- **BEARLY LADIES BUNCO CLUB** - Provide an opportunity for good fellowship, comradery and sharing mutual interests in enjoying Bunco! Contact Mindi Pugh at bvsmin@sbcglobal.net
- **BUCKAROOS** - Promotes safe, fun western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. President Jeff Kermod @ (661) 343-7503, 1st VP George McMackin @ (661) 400-1333, 2nd VP Erika Underwood @ (805) 705-1123, Treasurer Cheryl Akerly @ (661) 609-6113 & Secretary Debi Kermod @ (949) 291-0551
- **BVS CYCLE CLUB** - Recreational and informative. Please contact Zack Crum at bvsclub@gmail.com
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in the OTCC Reception Room. Contact Anya at (661) 435-0667 or email at bvswildlifecoalition@gmail.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ (661) 238-8444
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Pat Kritlow @ 949-394-4524
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact Jeanette Roye @ jeanetteroye@yahoo.com or 661-972-2344.
- **DRESSAGE** - Active in many equestrian dressage activities in the local area. Contact Tracy Donahue @ 310-291-5279.
- **ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB** - Meets the first Monday of the month at noon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. Call Kay Klinker for more information at 821-1621.
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (March- October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Clare Scotti to learn more 661-238-3020.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- **HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustafa @ 661-538-0995 or smustafa@outlook.com.
- **MAKE IT SEW** - To promote the advancement of sewing and quilting skills. Robyn Woodhouse 821-0603 or Teri Lindsey 805-304-7351.
- **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** - Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.
- **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** - Meet the 2nd Tuesday every month in the Card Room at the OTCC at 9:00 a.m. Contact Jim McCormick at (661) 821-1508
- **OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF** - Open play - Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday - Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday - Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing or joining, contact the Pro Shop at 821-5144 or Joy Webber at 661-300-1536 or email at cows4joy@sbcglobal.net.
- **OLD GUYS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.

- **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.
- **PONY CLUB** - BVSPC is part of the United States Pony Club, an organization which promotes the development of the young English or Western rider (ages 8-25). The Horsemasters' branch focuses on enhancing adults' current knowledge and skills. Contact Debbie Swarens at 661-821-0968 or Jena D'Cruz at 661-817-2173.
- **RC MODELERS** - Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Model Cars are welcome to come join us in activities at our field and our meetings. Contact Dan Mason 661-203-8398.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Kathy Kneer, 916-878-6453, Kneer7546@gmail.com.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Rick Lund, Tennis Pro @ 747-0613
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Commander Martin Hernandez 805-390-2077.
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Margie Underwood - 661-202-8553. Website: www.bvswomensclub.com.

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- **BOY SCOUT TROOP 135** - Age 11 to 18. Contact Scoutmaster Kirk Newman @ 821-7011
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- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** - This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
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- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
- **P & J BRIDGE CLUB** - Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
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Bear Valley CSD launches 'The Bear Valley Exchange'

A new community engagement platform

The Bear Valley CSD is stepping into the digital age of community/government partnership. The new addition is a 'virtual city hall' where community members can discuss and give feedback on current District projects. The site was revealed at the December regular board meeting on Thursday,

Dec. 9. "Local governments rely heavily on public input and opinion," said General Manager Bill Malinen. "COVID-19 and social distancing have made it difficult to use traditional methods of offline, in-person engagement. Our district website has a lot of in-

formation, but it doesn't allow two-way communication. This new addition allows community members to give direct input on CSD topics."

Historically, public engagement has involved attending meetings or providing written submissions. This type of involvement can be time-consuming and inconvenient to residents. The new platform allows residents to have their say on important issues at a time and place that are convenient to them.

Our goals with the new addition are to:

- Build a strong foundation for mutual understanding, promote a shared responsibility for decision-making, and build trust in the decision-making process.

- To ensure opportunities for community participation in the CSD's decision-making process, to foster buy-in, and enhance transparency.

- To provide a forum for accurate information, two-way communication, and to remove the conversation from the rumor mill that is social media.

- To develop sustained collaboration between the CSD and the community to achieve a shared vision for the community of Bear Valley Springs.

Signup is simple and only requires that you answer a few questions about yourself,

with optional additional demographics questions. These questions will help the district better understand the community's demographics as they change over time, and provide information such as age groups, language groups, etc., that will help emergency planners understand and provide for community needs. Registration also allows residents to receive newsletters and per-project updates on topics that are important to them.

The site host, EngagementHQ, provides independent moderation to ensure that conversations stay on topic and constructive. These moderators have no interest in our community and provide fair and unbiased moderating. All posts are reviewed by human moderators within two hours of posting. If comments violate the moderation policy, moderators reach out to the participant who posted the comment, giving them the opportunity to update their comment and re-post.

We hope that our community will come to recognize this as a safe space to have a productive conversation and that more residents are encouraged to become active and engaged community members. Please sign up and take part at www.thebvexchange.com.

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	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
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	10:00-2:30 pm	PAINTING WORKSHOP (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE	
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	11:25 AM-4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	4:15 PM - 9:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY PRACTICES	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	COACHES	
W E D	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR		
	11:25 AM-4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	12:00 pm-3:00 PM	RAC Meeting 1st Wed. of Month (Green Rm)	Adult	RAC Staff	Kim Clow	
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE	
	3:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Bible Club (Green Room)	K-5	Bible Club	Mari Lacom	
4:15 PM - 9:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY PRACTICES	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	COACHES		
T H U R S	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	WATER THERAPY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE	
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM)	ADULT	SEE VETERANS 1ST THURSDAY OF JAN.	Jed Hannon	
	9:15 AM - 1:00 PM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR		
	11:25 AM-4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	12:30 PM-2:30 PM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK	
4:15 PM - 9:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY PRACTICES	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	COACHES		
F R I	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	9:15 AM-11:30 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR		
	10:30 AM - 4:00 PM	RANGER MEETINGS (Green Room)	Staff	Rangers	Joe Horswell	
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE	
	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	STAFF	
	4:15 PM - 9:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY GAMES	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	COACHES	
S A T	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BVS HOCKEY GAMES	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	COACHES	
	7:00 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK	
	2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VETS BINGO 1st Saturday of the Month	Adult	GAME CHARGES	Paul Tate	
S U N	12:00 PM-6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR	
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	FREE SKATING (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS	
	1:00 PM-3:30 PM	BUNCO 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (GREEN RM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW	LINDA WETTA/STAFF	
	3:10 PM - 4:55 PM	OPEN BASKETBALL CT	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF	
	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	RC CLUB MEETING (GREEN RM) 2ND SUN	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	DAN MASON	

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Bear Valley Springs Veteran's Association inducts five veterans into memorial

Submitted by
Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, five American veterans, who have reported to their final duty station, were inducted into the Bear Valley Springs Veteran's Memorial. With family and friends in attendance, the BVSVA honored the following men for their dedication to service and country by placing a plaque for each on the Veteran's Memorial pillars at Cub Lake:

- Robert Van Rensellar Newell - Navy - WWII
- Charles L. (Todd) Lander - Army - Vietnam
- Al Dameron - Air Force
- Lee Dante - Navy - Korea
- Wayne G. Moulder - Air Force - Korea

After their induction, two local bag pipers played Amazing Grace. The final tribute to these brave men was performed by the BVSVA Honor Guard with a rifle salute, followed by the playing of taps by USMC Veteran bugler Richard Oldenburg.

For the nearly 100 people in attendance, it was a moving ceremony where all our nation's veterans were recognized and celebrated, while these five men were truly memorialized. 🐾

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The four Veteran Memorial pillars identify each BVS Veteran who has reported to his/her final duty station.



The BVSVA Honor Guard firing one of three volleys during the rifle salute. Veteran bugler Richard Oldenberg is preparing to play taps.

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THE GOAL: Understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.

Disasters change things. When an emergency happens you may have to decide what to do very quickly, while you are worrying about what might happen. By planning ahead, it will be easier to make the right decisions when the worst happens.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

- Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.**

It is important to know what types of disasters can happen where you are. Is your home in a floodplain? Are you in an area that has earthquakes? When are tornadoes most likely to happen? Knowing what disasters could happen can help you know how to be prepared and what to do. Contact your local American Red Cross or emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.

Meet with your family or household members. Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

TALKING ABOUT DISASTERS

Talking about disasters can be scary, especially with children, or with someone who may have difficulty coping with daily life. Be open and positive. The unknown often causes more anxiety than knowing the facts. Listen to what the individual has to say, learn how they feel and what they may be afraid of. Older people and people with disabilities may worry that asking for help during a disaster will take away their independence. Talk about different options for assistance and make a plan with them.

Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.

Once you know what disasters could happen in your community, there are things you can do to lower your risk of injury or property damage. Here are some suggestions:

TORNADO

Add a tornado safe room to your home, or add extra protection to an existing room to keep your family safe in a tornado. Look for FEMA publication 320 for more information.

HURRICANE

Install hurricane shutters. Keep trees around your house trimmed to prevent damage from falling branches. Secure your soffits to make sure that they won't provide a way for wind and water to get into your home. Make sure entryway doors have three hinges and a deadbolt lock.

WILDFIRE

Use fire-resistant building materials like shingles and siding. Cut back branches and brush within 30 feet of your home. Keep firewood at least 30 feet away. Check into the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise program for more ideas.

FLOOD

Elevate your home above the base flood level or take steps to floodproof. Elevate your utilities above the base flood level. Make sure you have adequate flood venting. Use flood-resistant building materials when you build or remodel. Taking steps like these can lower your flood insurance rates.

EARTHQUAKE

Secure your furniture, appliances, and water heater to walls and floors. Install safety catches on cabinets and cupboard doors. Make sure your appliances are connected with flexible connections. Consider using a safety film on your windows or installing laminated glass to prevent injuries from broken glass.

For more information on any of these projects, or other things you can do to protect your home and family, contact your local sheriff's department or emergency management office.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Hold evacuation drills at home. Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your

planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route in case a designated pet shelter is not available. Contact your local humane society or animal shelter to ask if pet emergency shelters will be opened in a disaster.

Equine First-Aid courses offered in BVS

Submitted by
**BVS Carriage
 Driving Society**

Equi-First Aid California will be offering Basic Equine Emergency First Aid on Saturday, Jan. 29, and Advanced Equine First Aid on Sunday, Jan. 30, here in BVS!

Equi-First Aid California is an international organization dedicated to helping horse owners and lovers improve the health and safety of horses. This hands-on educational program was born over a decade ago. The course and materials were developed over a two-year period, in conjunction with several equine organizations,



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Oak Tree Ladies Golf Club supports Toys for Tehachapi organization

Submitted by
Diane Griffin
OTCCWGC

The Oak Tree Country Club Women's Golf Club celebrates their year's accomplishments, both on the course and off, with an Annual Awards Luncheon and this year was no different. One of the biggest celebrations is the donation of toys to the Toys for Tehachapi organization.

Each lady attending the event brings at least one unwrapped toy. Besides these toys, this year, the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans Group gave the club \$120, via Linda Cross, with which to buy toys, as well. Club member, Sharon Lozar, used that money to add to the stack of toys.

The Bear Valley Springs VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) Toys for Tehachapi program leader, Mike Chiarini, along with BVS officers Stacy Arebalo and Jay Rivera, collected the toys during the club's luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 4. Everyone gathered around the toys for a photo, while Mike gave them all a huge thank you. Mike then



explained to the ladies how this toy program works.

The VIPS collect toys from around Bear Valley Springs and the Tehachapi area. The toys are then taken to a secure location where they are sorted

and wrapped. Each toy is then tagged by age group and gender. Between various community services, the VIPS learn of the families who are in need and for whom a gift of a toy for each child would be greatly welcomed. In addition, they also provide food and gift cards

to these families to ensure they have a holiday meal.

Supporting our community is a large part of both the OTC-CWGC and the VIPS and helping Toys for Tehachapi make Christmas merry for our local families is at the heart of our organizations. 🐾

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ing on your property and ensure you are in compliance. As a good neighbor, please look around and determine if there may be lights from your property that inadvertently shine into your neighbor's windows.

In the past, when the ECC has featured an article about lighting, the question invariably comes up – Why doesn't the Association's amenities and buildings follow the same rules on their buildings and parking lots? As in many areas, the commercial nature of the amenities means that there are additional federal, state, and county

laws and regulations including OSHA and building codes that must be followed for the safety of the general public as well as our employees that supersede the ECC Rules. However, our management and maintenance teams do their best to preserve the natural environment, while still complying with regulations including the use of timers where practicable. Should you have any questions about lighting or any other ECC Rules, our staff is always willing to assist you at 661-821-5537 X222 or X211 or via email at ecc@bvsa.org. 🐾

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TEXT OF ADOPTED CHANGES TO ECC RULES

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SECTION 202. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

I. Accessory structures may not be attached to the primary residence under any circumstances and must be at least ~~ten (10)~~ **six (6)** feet from any other building, with the exception of a Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) as outlined in Section 201 **and farm animal shelters as outlined in BVSA Rules Section 1901.f.** (Added 5/10/08; Amended 10/15/11)**Purpose and Effect of Proposed Changes**

Kern County’s minimum distance between non-residential buildings is at least 6 feet. The ECC acknowledges that there are cases when a 6-foot setback would be appropriate.

TEXT OF ADOPTED CHANGES TO BVSA RULES

(Deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ type and additions in **boldface underlined** type)

SECTION 305. USE PRIVILEGE CARDS.

(f) Residences, residential lots, condominiums and condominium lots are intended to be used for residential purposes only. Short-term rentals or leases (less than ~~6 months in length at any one time~~ **thirty (30) consecutive days**) negatively impact Association resources, resulting in undue costs and liability for the Association, and therefore, are disallowed. This includes Air BNB’s, VRBO, or any other vacation, weekend, or short-term rentals. (Added 10/10/15; Amended 07/10/18) (g) Members who assign their rights to a tenant who is occupying the complete primary residence must immediately surrender their Use Privilege Cards and give the Association written notice of the assignment and the names of the tenant and the tenant’s family qualifying for a Use Privilege Card. Upon termination of the tenancy, the Association will return or replace the Member’s Use Privilege Card upon application by the Member. The Member

should make every effort to ensure that the cards issued to tenants and their families are returned to the Association Office upon termination of the tenancy. (Amended 10/1/2021)

(1) Use Privilege Cards will not be issued to tenants who have not been assigned use privilege rights by Members as provided in Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

(2) A non-refundable deposit, in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule, must be deposited for each card before issuance of the cards. (Amended 11/16/91; 08/10/11; 07/10/18)

(3) Tenants who have been assigned use privilege rights by Members must obtain Use Privilege Cards from the Association in order to use Community Facilities and Common Areas. Their use of the Community Facilities and Common Areas as guests of Members or other tenants will not be permitted.

(4) Property Owners who have an Environmental Control Committee (ECC) approved Accessory Dwelling Unit/Guesthouse and/or Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit may assign up to two amenity cards per **approved** unit to tenants. A completed application by the Member with accompanying lease verifying that the rental is ~~six (6) months~~ **thirty (30) consecutive days** or longer in length and an annual fee (or pro-rated amount of the annual fee), in accordance with the BVSA Fee schedule, must be paid for each card before issuance. The annual fee per card will then be charged to the Property Owner each fiscal year with the annual assessments until the Association is informed in writing of termination of the tenancy.

Purpose and Effect of Proposed Changes

The state of California has prohibited non-rental agreements for Homeowners’ Associations and stated that the minimum rental timeframe allowed is 30 consecutive days. The BVSA has been advised by our legal counsel to change our rules to reflect these new laws.



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What do we eat for breakfast? We like to create meals that are appealing to all. At times, we will make a French toast casserole, or a sausage and veggie frittata, steel cut oatmeal as a side dish, fresh fruit, English muffins, raisin bread, bagel, sourdough, wheat or white bread as a choice, coffee, tea, juices, egg in a variety of ways. Breakfast is our big meal.

Then we may encourage some sort of exercise in their chairs or walking, even singing or chair dancing. After breakfast, the ladies sometimes like to read, watch tv

or a movie, enjoy the scenery, or take a short nap, make their phone calls to friends and relatives or do puzzles.

Lunch is a light meal. Usually the ladies are not in the mood for a large meal. A small chef salad, homemade soup, crackers with chicken salad, half a sandwich, fruit or veggies, or chips usually hit the spot.

After lunch, some of the ladies like to rest, catch up on current events, watch the deer come down and eat on the front lawn, enjoy a treat, Zoom with friends or make a list of things they need next time we are in town.

Dinner is our big meal. We make a variety of meals: Pork and beef roasts, fish, chicken, meatloaf, pot pies, cultural foods, loaded baked potato, fresh veggies, salads, warm breads, delicious variety of sweets.

A few minutes of exercise, then after dinner is a quiet time of bathing, relaxing, getting ready for sleep.

I must say, for these ladies being

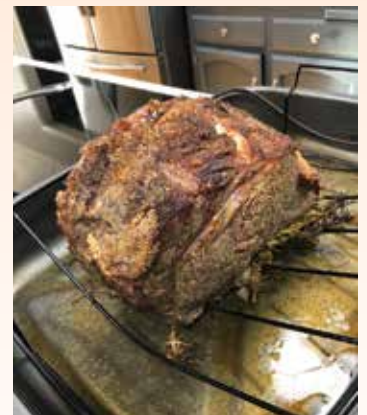


mostly 90 years plus, they put in a full day of activity and conversation.

Our meal of the month was: Prime Rib with horseradish sauce, twice baked potato, green beans with mushrooms, bacon and onion, garden salad, and home baked Nancy Silverton's butter biscuits with jam or honey. For dessert we had tirmasu.

Question of the month: He appeared on a variety of cooking shows, he was famous for his catchphrase "Kick it up a notch" and "Bam." He has restaurants in Las Vegas, New Orleans, Pennsylvania and Florida. Who is he?

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4/7

ADD MUSTARD MARINATED GRILLED
CHICKEN BREAST (4OZ) TO ANY SALAD

5

BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA

SIZE

MEDIUM (12")

10

LARGE (16")

13

GLUTEN FREE THIN CRUST (14")

13

SAUCE

MARINARA, ALFREDO OR BASIL PESTO

MEAT TOPPINGS

2

PEPPERONI, CANADIAN BACON, BACON,
GRILLED CHICKEN, SWEET ITALIAN SAUSAGE

VEGGIE TOPPINGS

1.25

ARTICHOKE HEARTS, BELL PEPPER, BLACK OLIVE,
PICKLED JALAPENO, MUSHROOMS, CARAMELIZED
ONION, ROASTED GARLIC, RED ONION,
TOMATO, PINEAPPLE, GREEN ONION, BASIL, PEPPERONCINI

BUILD YOUR OWN CALZONE

STUFFED WITH RICOTTA AND MOZZARELLA
CHEESE, HOUSE MADE MARINARA AND YOUR
CHOICE OF TOPPINGS

10

MEAT TOPPINGS

2

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1.25

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DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

HANDHELD

QUESADILLA BURGER 12

8 OZ ANGUS BEEF PATTY, CHIPOTLE MAYO, PEPPER-JACK CHEESE, CHEDDAR CHEESE, BACON, PICO DE GALLO ON WARM FLOUR TORTILLAS

8 OZ ANGUS BURGER 10

8 OZ ANGUS BEEF PATTY WITH YOUR CHOICE OF CHEESE, SERVED WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, PICKLE AND ONION ON A WARM BRIOCHE BUN

4 OZ ANGUS BURGER 7

4 OZ ANGUS BEEF PATTY, WITH YOUR CHOICE OF CHEESE, SERVED WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, PICKLE AND ONION ON A WARM BRIOCHE BUN

IMPOSSIBLE BURGER 12

100% PLANT BASED IMPOSSIBLE PATTY, SERVED WITH LETTUCE TOMATO, PICKLE AND ONION ON A WARM BRIOCHE BUN

MUSTARD-MARINATED GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH 12

8 OZ GRILLED MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST, GRILLED ONIONS, SWISS CHEESE, LETTUCE AND TOMATO ON A WARM BRIOCHE BUN

APPETIZERS

BEER-BATTERED 9

ARTICHOKE HEARTS

DOZEN BUFFALO WINGS 15

1/2 DOZEN BUFFALO WINGS 8

ONION RINGS 5

FRIED CAULIFLOWER 6

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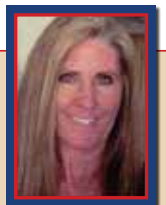
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