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# It's summer in Bear Valley Springs!

**by Wesley Shryock**  
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BVSA General Manager

volleyball courts, summer events and entertainment all add up to summer fun for all ages and stages. The BVSA staff has been making plans to make this the best summer ever.

The Whiting Center staff is hard at work planning the T-ball and baseball leagues

for kids ages 4-8, as well as our popular baseball camp for the older kids. Moonlight Movies returns to Cub Lake. The pinnacle of summer in BVS will be our annual Independence Day Celebration, where small-town traditions abound: Pancake Breakfast, Hot Air Balloons, Firecracker 5k, 4th of July Parade, Boat Parade/Paddle Races, booths at Cub Lake and more!

Our maintenance team has completed the Cub Lake bathroom project, creating a ramp and making the bathrooms ADA compliant, as well as beautiful. The team is moving on to finish the bathrooms at the Equestrian Center Campground in time for

the annual Mule and Horse Show.

Food and beverage staff successfully launched an updated menu at the Mulligan Room and the new patio is being enjoyed by members, residents, and guests. The Oak Tree Country Club offers entertainment every Friday and Saturday night, including live music, karaoke, line dancing, and swing dance classes, in addition to their famous Flatbread of the Week, delicious menu items and specials.

I encourage members to check out the Events Calendar at our website at [bvsa.org](http://bvsa.org) so that you don't miss out on any of the fun this summer! 🐾

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# Keeping Bear Valley beautiful

Submitted by

**Dain Hurst**

**BVSA Board Director**

First off, I would like to thank Director Adam Tiefenthaler for his recent article. It was a great reminder of how great Bear Valley is.

I would also like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. In this article, I would like to have a discussion regarding the rules and regulations set forth by our beloved Bear Valley Springs Association. To be specific, I would like to speak on the approval/denial process that happens through the Environmental Control Committee (ECC) when pertaining to improvements to one's property.

As we know, Bear Valley Springs was developed by Dart Industries in 1970 and

a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions (C&R's) for the first tract of land subdivided and was recorded on October 13, 1970, in the Kern County, California Recorder's Office. As additional tracts of land were subsequently subdivided, separate C&R's were recorded for each subsequent tract, annexing that tract into the development, and subjecting it to all the covenants and restrictions stated in the first C&R's. The C&R's were established for the purpose of enhancing and perfecting the value, desirability, and attractiveness of all properties within this development. The C&R's state that each Property Owner is a member of the Bear Valley Springs Association and is, therefore, subject to the C&R's, Community Service District (CSD) Ordinances, BVSA Rules, and the ECC

Rules and Regulations.

The Environmental Control Committee (ECC) is established under Paragraph 10 of the Declaration of the C&R's. The primary purposes of the Committee are to review, and approve or disapprove, plans and proposals to construct or alter improvement(s) on lots within Bear Valley Springs.

The **motto** of the ECC is to **PRESERVE, PROTECT,** and **ENHANCE** Bear Valley Springs.

So why am I bringing this up? Simply put, the reason is, the BVSA Board of Directors has seen an increase in violations for folks not following the rules as it pertains to our C&R's. To save our members headaches and possible disciplinary measures, I would like to give some examples of what has occurred:

**Example #1:** Installing privacy fencing without approval. Just like any upgrade or improvement, the first thing to do is contact the BVSA, either online, by phone, or visit the office and fill out the necessary

paperwork. Once completed and submitted for, the fencing application will be reviewed by the ECC for approval/denial. As a note of caution, not all fences will be approved without justification for the fence. Again, this is to protect the natural beauty of Bear Valley.

1. Screening may only be used when it is demonstrated to the ECC that no other type of fencing will serve the intended purpose except that all propane (LPG) tanks must be screened with solid fencing.

2. The permissible maximum height of privacy fencing shall be five (5) feet high, except when it will be used to shield hot tubs or Jacuzzi's, and then the height will be a maximum of six (6) feet high. Privacy fencing, without exception, will not be allowed to encroach on or encompass the front yard of property.

**Example #2:** Painting your residence or existing structures. The same rules apply. One needs to contact the association office and submit the

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**BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS**  
#9985268  
**CONDO WITH SWEEPING VIEW** of the lake from the back patio. 3BDRM/2BA. The main level features an open floor plan complete with tile floors, vaulted ceiling, fire place and French doors leading out the patio. Master bedroom is located on the first floor with walk-in closet has access to the lower level bathroom and private access door to the patio.  
**\$279,000**



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#9983082  
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**STALLION SPRINGS**  
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**GOLDEN HILLS WEST**  
#9985311  
**SPACIOUS RANCH-STYLE HOME** 3 BDRM, 3 BA 1978 SqFt. Spacious living room with a fireplace and vaulted ceilings, large galley retro-style kitchen with dining area and tons of storage. Good-sized covered patio has access from the kitchen, laundry room, and garage. This home sits on .63 acre and is zoned for horses with a good sized barn!  
**\$459,000**



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# Seven principles of water-wise gardening

Submitted by  
**BVS Community  
 Services District**

There are two public water-wise gardens within Bear Valley Springs. These gardens, located near the road at the CSD Administrative Office and the road in front of the Bear Valley Market and Grill, provide an example of the varieties of water-wise plants that do well in our valley. We invite you to visit and see for yourself

the beautiful water-wise plants that thrive in our specific environment.

## PLANNING AND DESIGN:

Developing a landscape plan is the most crucial step in achieving a thriving water-wise landscape. A proper plan will consider the intended uses of the property, the lay of the land and existing vegetation, the regional zone and micro-climates, winds, and most importantly, the zoning or grouping of plant material by their wa-

ter needs. A plan also allows the landscaping to be done in phases. The homeowner or a landscape designer can do the planning.

## SOIL ANALYSIS:

On any given site, soil can vary from place to place. A soil analysis based on random sampling will provide information that can help determine proper plan selection and soil amendments. Soil amendments and compost can enhance clay or sandy soil by improving drainage, moisture penetration, and water holding capacity.

## PLANT SELECTION:

Most plants can have a place in the water-wise landscape. You should consider the plant's adaptability to the site and its ultimate size, shape, color, and texture when selecting a species for your landscape. The most important thing to remember is to group plants ac-

ording to their water needs. You can maximize water conservation by choosing plants that are drought-resistant and have minimal water needs.

## PRACTICAL TURF AREAS:

If possible, reduce the amount of turf by carefully planning its use, limiting it to smaller areas, and not depending on it for ground cover.

## EFFICIENT IRRIGATION:

A well-designed irrigation system conserves water. Using drip lines, micro-irrigation, or soaker hoses and watering deeply instead of frequently encourages roots to grow deep rather than shallow and wide. This simple practice is vital to building a drought-tolerant landscape.

## MULCH:

A thick layer of mulch allows water to penetrate better and assists soil in moisture reten-

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# Preparing for power down

Submitted by

**Megan Clark**

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As we move into the summer and fire season, the likelihood of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) increases. In past years, Bear Valley Springs residents have experienced hundreds of hours without power due to shut-off events during "red flag" fire weather. Sustained wind speeds, dry vegetation, low humidity, and high temperatures are some of the risk factors that determine the need for fire weather warnings.

### PSPS Process

When weather forecasts indicate an impending wildfire risk, power companies begin assessing the potential impact on the areas they serve. SCE has an established process for notifying residents directly, so it is essential to sign up for their alerts at [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp/pssp-alerts](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp/pssp-alerts).

**First Notification** (2 days): SCE will notify potentially affected customers about the

possibility of a PSPS.

**Second Notifications** (1 day): SCE will again notify impacted customers that a PSPS event is likely.

**Third Notification** (power shut-off): When the decision to make a power shut-off is made, a third notice is sent to impacted customers.

**Fourth Notification** (power restoration): Once weather conditions return to safe levels, field teams are sent to inspect the lines and ensure that power can be safely restored. Once restoration takes place, notifications are sent to customers telling them that power has been restored.

### Rebates for energy generation technology

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# Living in harmony with the local wildlife

Submitted by  
**Joe Horswell**  
Asst. Recreation Manager

The natural wildlife that inhabits Bear Valley Springs never ceases to amaze and captivate me. Over the years, I have learned to adapt to living in close proximity with these animals. Newer residents, however, may find that coexisting with so much wildlife requires some getting used to. Doing so poses some interesting challenges for us humans and for our pets, as well.

BVS Rangers routinely see people endangering themselves by failing to give wildlife a wide enough berth. Some people may get too close trying to take a photo, while others attempt to feed or pet deer, elk, squirrels, etc. (Someone was actually seen feeding a doughnut to an elk a few years ago... yikes!) Many seem unaware that there are laws in place to protect wildlife from human interference. These laws serve to protect both the wildlife and us from preventable injuries caused by inappropriate interaction with wild animals.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulations direct us to not interfere with the natural movements of wildlife. This includes relocating animals, baiting or offering food and water, salt licks, etc. It is also unlawful (and unsafe) to touch, pet, hug, or pick up protected wild animals. This includes wild animals that may appear to be sick or wounded, as well as juveniles that appear to have been abandoned by their parents.

Some are not aware that a doe will safely tuck her juvenile fawn away in the brush while she forages for food, and will return hours later to retrieve her young. We get calls every year from well-meaning people

who pick up perfectly healthy fawns, thinking they are abandoned, helpless, or injured. These people inadvertently end up causing greater danger to the fawn by separating it from its mother. In some instances, replacing the fawn where it was originally found will end in a successful reunion with mommy; however, sometimes the mother gives up on finding the missing fawn and will abandon it permanently.

Fawn rescue facilities are unfortunately next to nonexistent in California. Captive fawns reintroduced back into the wild are not be able to fend for themselves without their mother, and will have a low survivability rate. It may sound cruel, but according to the CDFW, we can best help wildlife by letting nature play out on its own, without human intervention.

In BVS, bears and mountain lions have become acclimated to moving in and out of our neighborhoods and parks. The continued human encroachment into natural habitat all but insures the presence of predators in our streets and yards. Homeowners near the Pinedale nature trailhead experience a high incidence of bear visitations, while nature trail hikers may find themselves face-to-face with a female bear or mountain lion that is overly protective of their young.

Most people are aware that it's dangerous to come into close proximity with large predatory animals. Unfortunately, less consideration is often given to non-predatory animals, which can be extremely dangerous, too. Squirrels, raccoons, and even gentle looking bunnies can deliver a nasty bite or laceration with their claws if their space is invaded, if they feel threatened, or if someone tries to pet or hand feed them.

Even our seemingly tame elk  
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FRIDAY JULY 1st

8:30pm Moonlight Movies - "Encanto" (PG-13)  
10:00pm Lake closes after the movie

SATURDAY JULY 2nd

|             |  |                                   |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 6:30am      | Hot Air Balloons -                                   | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field     |
| 6:30 am     | Pancake Breakfast                                    | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field     |
| 6:30am      | 5K registration                                      | Cub Lake                          |
| 7:15am      | Firecracker 5K Run Starts                            | Cub Lake                          |
| 7:30am      | Remax Tethered Balloon rides                         | Beaubien Field                    |
| 9:00-5:00   | All Activities, Booths & Exhibits, Beer Truck & Food | Cub Lake                          |
| 10:00am     | Paddle Board & Kayak Races Sign-In & Staging         | 4-Island Lake                     |
| 10:30am     | Paddle Board & Kayak races                           | 4-Island Lake                     |
| 10:00am-2pm | Kern Co. Fire Suppression Helicopter                 | Cub Lake Walking Path by Dog Park |
| 10:00-4:00  | Kiddie Land Petting Zoo and Pony Rides               | North Side of Lake                |
| 11:00-4:00  | Kids Games   | Game Area                         |
| 12:30-4:30  | Music by "Miles to Go" featuring Variety             | Main Stage                        |
| 12:00pm     | Boat Parade registration and staging                 | 4-Island Lake                     |
| 12:30pm     | Boat Parade starts                                   | 4-Island Lake                     |
| 4:30pm      | Festivities End for the Day                          |                                   |

SUNDAY JULY 3rd

|            |  |                                   |
|------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 6:30am     | Hot Air Balloons -   | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field     |
| 6:30 am    | Pancake Breakfast  | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field     |
| 7:30am     | Remax Tethered Balloon rides   | Beaubien Field                    |
| 8:30am-    | Praise Music by BV Church & Sermon by the Lake by Local Pastor Kevin Boesler | Main Stage                        |
| 9:30-2:30  | Car Show by Code 3   | Cub Lake Walking Path by Dog Park |
| 9:00-5:00  | All Activities, Booths & Exhibits, Beer Truck & Food                         | Cub Lake                          |
| 10:00-4:00 | Kiddie Land Petting Zoo and Pony Rides                                       | North Side of Lake                |
| 11:00-4:00 | Kids Games   | Game Area                         |
| 12:30-4:30 | Music by "Miles to Go" featuring Variety                                     | Main Stage                        |
| 4:30pm     | Festivities End for the Day  |                                   |

MONDAY JULY 4th

|            |   |                               |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 6:30am     | Hot Air Balloons -  | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field |
| 6:30 am    | Pancake Breakfast   | Ball Diamond / Beaubien Field |
| 7:30am     | Remax Tethered Balloon rides  | Beaubien Field                |
| 9:00am     | Parade Staging  | OTCC Parking Lot              |
| 9:00-5:00  | All Activities, Booths & Exhibits   | Cub Lake                      |
| 10:00      | 30th Independence Day Parade  | OTCC to Cub Lake              |
|            | Featuring Grand Marshal - John Pruden: our local Vietnam veteran & Veteran Memorial Chairperson & Honoree; Gary Adams; resident, Retired UCLA Baseball Coach, author, World Team Senior Athlete, & Patron saint of the BVSA Baseball Camp |                               |
| 11:00-4:00 | Kids Games  | Game Area                     |
| 10:00-4:00 | Beer Truck, Food /Food Trucks   | Food Court                    |
| 10:00-4:00 | Kiddie Land Petting Zoo and Pony Rides  | North Side of Lake            |
| 12:00      | The Raising of 'Old Glory' and National Anthem  | Main Stage                    |
| 12:30-3:30 | DJ Music by "Peter deArmond" featuring Line dancing   | Main Stage                    |
| 3:30pm     | Festivities End for the Day for residents to enjoy events in town.  |                               |

TUESDAY JULY 5th - Some balloons flying- No reservations, customers or any other festivities offered.

Schedule is tentative and subject to change 5/4/22



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# Complaints and violations explained

Submitted by

## BVS Environmental Control Committee

There are several regular questions posed to the Environmental Control Committee and staff, including:

Why did I get written up for \_\_\_ when my neighbor (or the house down the street) has \_\_\_?

I filed a complaint last week. Why has nothing been done?

Why hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ on this property been taken care of?

The ECC staff and volunteer members understand where these questions come from. At times, it can be frustrating that we are not able to explain how many hours have been spent in the violation process on a particular property, or that an extension was given due to documented extreme hardship, that a property owner is in the

midst of the tenant eviction or probate process, or that numerous fines and the loss of amenity privileges have been issued and a lawsuit may be in progress in attempts to rectify the situation. Other times, we receive complaints that are just not a violation of a particular ECC or BVSA Rule and, therefore, no action will be taken.

While the ECC encourages residents to communicate with their neighbors directly about any concerning problems, members are able to direct complaints anonymously to the ECC. Members are able to file complaints online at BVSA.org. Simply click on "Administration" and then "Environmental Control Committee" to access the complaint form. Those who have received violations are now also able to access an online "Cooperation Response Form" on the website, to in-

form the ECC of compliance, or to request an extension or meeting with the ECC.

The Davis-Stirling Act is the primary set of laws that govern Homeowners Associations. The C&R's, BVSA, and ECC Rules are reflections of those laws. When a complaint is filed, we are not able to just call the property owner. Our Field Representative must go out to the property to investigate the complaint. The Field Representative also regularly monitors all BVS properties, covering all roads (even the higher elevations) on a rotation of approximately every 6-8 weeks. In 2021, we averaged seven complaints per month, but issued 37 violations per month, so the bulk of violations are not from neighbors' complaints, but from regular monitoring of the Field Representative.

The Field Representative

determines and documents that there is a violation of the ECC or BVSA Rules. A letter must be written and reviewed by the members of the ECC during their weekly meeting and mailed out to the property owner on file. We must give the property owner a time period to rectify the situation and/or communicate with us. In that time period, extensions can be granted - especially for projects that may pose an expense, require the hiring of a contractor, or cannot be done during certain months of the year due to weather. It is when there has been ample time to comply with no communication or action that the ECC recommends disciplinary action to the Board of Directors, which results in a hearing notice being sent to the property owner, where they are permitted to attend. The hear-

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- **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
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- **BVS CYCLE CLUB** - Recreational and informative. Please contact Zack Crum at bvscycleclub@gmail.com
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- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Commander Bill Kritlow @ 949-394-4525.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 president Sonja Bronson at 661-472-9294.
- **DRESSAGE** - Active in many equestrian dressage activities in the local area. Contact Janice Polletta at 661 847-8364.
- **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.
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Anya and Bill Norton recently hosted a wonderful afternoon concert at their home in Bear Valley.

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## About the performers

Devon Duquette has a BA in voice. He sang with the Arizona Opera and Kansas City Lyric Opera where he was part of an American Indian Opera titled, "Coyote Tales." He performed at the Glendale Center Theater and shared in another world premiere at the Matrix Theater in Los Angeles called, "Dear Emma." He also sang with groups such as The La Jolla Singers and has been a soloist in the CCS Church for many years.

Kenny Katz lives in San Mateo and is a full time high school history and math instructor. He graduated from California State University Long Beach with a BA in political science and a minor in math. He also gives piano lessons and has performed for the Church of Christ Scientist for 15 years.

Alicia Lifquist has been a Tehachapi Symphony member since 2017. Alicia went to University of the Pacific, where she studied violin with Dr. Van

Bronkhorst. Her siblings are both music teachers and she has two daughters now, studying music at California State University Northridge and CSULB.

Lydia Lifquist is a freshman at CSULB. She began studying cel-

lo in first grade, has played with the Bakersfield Youth Symphony and Tehachapi Symphony in high school, and now studies cello with L.A. Philharmonic cellist David Garrett. While her major is marine biology, she continues

to perform with David Garrett's cello studio and a Long Beach community Symphony, Synesthesia.

Marisa Lifquist is a junior at CSUN as a piano performance

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**June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> Fee: \$30**

**Day of Event Fee: \$50**

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**SONYA SCHROEDER**  
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**BETH HALL**  
**661 699-2855**  
DRE: 01453499



Secluded location, great views of the San Joaquin valley, water & power at the street. Bear Valley Springs is a gate-guarded, 25,000-acre mountain community with 110 miles of paved roads and a fifth of the community is set aside for open space. Amenities include golf, tennis, the use of two lakes, a 47-acre equestrian center with multiple arenas, 35 miles of dedicated trails and much more!

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**GEORGE R. DOME**  
**661 301-8495**  
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DRE: 01429266



Welcome to Bear Valley Springs! This lot is ready to build your dream mountain house on. Easy access to the street. Beautiful rock formation on property. It even already has a water meter installed on it!!! That is a \$8000 savings! Electric is at the street. Buyers to do their due diligence.

Come check this one out and be part of what Bear Valley Springs has to offer. Gate pass needed to enter Bear Valley Springs Community.

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**MARILYN KAGLEY**  
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Primo Location! This 1.15 acre parcel is just off the valley floor in the desirable guard gated community of Bear Valley Springs., on a cul-de-sac street with Oaks and views.. not very many left like this one.. Close to some of the wonderful Bear Valley Springs amenities: golf, tennis, pickleball,olympic pool, 2 stocked lakes,rifle range, country club dining and much more..Visit BVSA.org for more information

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Spacious Sunroom off back of house is surrounded by a wall of windows, flooding the living area with natural light and stunning lake and foothill views. Soaring tongue-and-groove Cathedral ceilings in Great Room and hardwood flooring create a rustic feel. Open flow floor plan in main living area, with loads of potential to bring in your own personal touches. Recent Exterior Improvements include: Windows replaced throughout, new stucco siding and new roof. Orientation of home is ideal for solar installation / improvements in the future. Recently poured concrete back patio with firepit off back of house, and perfectly placed for ideal entertainment opportunities!

Your friends and family will lavish in the fresh breeze coming off the water, while soaking in the awe-inspiring beauty and serenity of the lake. Not to mention the fishing opportunities right from the shore! This is truly a one-a-kind property. Located in a quietly-traveled neighborhood, and close to amenities including country club, golf course, baseball diamond and walking paths.



Asking Price  
**\$65,900**

Rock formations, oaks, Pines and views surrounding this buildable lot on a quiet cul-de-sac. Trees have been trimmed to promote healthy growing. Wild life, clean air and views await! Located in beautiful Bear Valley Springs. A 24 hour, guard gated community.



Asking Price  
**\$25,500**

Rock formations, pines, and oak trees surround this very buildable lot on a quiet cul-de-sac. Trees have been trimmed to promote health growing. Wild life, views and fresh clean air! Located in beautiful Bear Valley Springs.



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| M<br>O<br>N           | 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 |                   |
|                       | 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      |
|                       | 2:30 PM - 5:45 PM  | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | STAFF             |
| T<br>U<br>E<br>S      | 5:30 AM-8:45 PM    | WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER                 | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | NO INSTRUCTOR     |
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|                       | 8:00 AM-11:00 AM   | BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)                  | ADULT | BV STEPPERS                       | LORA SCHROCK      |
|                       | 8:30-10:00AM       | WATER THERAPY                                   | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW            | MARTI SPRINKLE    |
|                       | 9:15 AM-1:00 PM    | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES        | ALL   | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR |                   |
|                       | 11:25 AM-9:00 PM   | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | STAFF             |
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|                       | 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 |                   |
|                       | 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        |
| T<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>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 JUNE | Jed Hannon        |
|                       | 9:15 AM - 1:00 PM  | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES        | ALL   | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR |                   |
|                       | 11:25 AM-5:45 PM   | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | STAFF             |
| F<br>R<br>I           | 12:30 PM-2:30 PM   | BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)                  | ADULT | BV STEPPERS                       | LORA SCHROCK      |
|                       | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  | PICK-UP HOCKEY                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW            |                   |
|                       | 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      |
| S<br>A<br>T           | 12:00 PM-2:00 PM   | PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)                          | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | JULIAN /DAVE      |
|                       | 2:15 PM - 9:00 PM  | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW            | STAFF             |
|                       | 7:00 AM-8:45 PM    | WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER                 | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | NO INSTRUCTOR     |
|                       | 8:30 AM-9:15 AM    | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES        | ALL   | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR |                   |
|                       | 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM  | BV STEPPERS (GREEN RM)                          | ADULT | BV STEPPERS                       | LORA SCHROCK      |
|                       | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW        | STAFF             |
| S<br>U<br>N           | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM | VETS BINGO 1st Saturday of the Month            | Adult | GAME CHARGES                      | Paul Tate         |
|                       | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  | OPEN GYMNASIUM                                  | ALL   | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW            | STAFF             |
|                       | 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 |
|                       | 2:00 PM-4:00 PM    | VOLLEYBALL EXCEPT 2ND SUN                       |       | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW            | CHRISTINA ROACH   |
|                       | 3:10 PM - 7:00 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         |

**\* All Times and Prices are subject to change\***

**GUEST FEES: Daily Whiting Center Fees: Ages 9 to 15- \$2, OVER 16YRS- \$5, with out Property Owner- \$10**  
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| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                                    | Friday  | Saturday                                    |
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|   |  | <b>1</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>9:15AM-10:15AM<br>M-wMSIT & FT<br>10:30AM-11:15AM  | <b>2</b><br>CARDIO DANCE<br>9:00AM-10:00AM  | <b>3</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>9:15AM-10:15AM                           | <b>4</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>8:30AM-9:30AM  |
| <b>6</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>9:15AM-10:15AM<br>M-wMSIT & FT<br>10:30AM-11:15AM  | <b>7</b><br>CARDIO DANCE<br>9:00AM-10:00AM<br>M-wMSIT & FT<br>10:30AM-11:15AM  | <b>8</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>9:15AM-10:15AM<br>M-wMSIT & FT<br>10:30AM-11:15AM  | <b>9</b><br>CARDIO DANCE<br>9:00AM-10:00AM  | <b>10</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>9:15AM-10:15AM                          | <b>11</b><br>HIIT TRAINING<br>8:30AM-9:30AM |
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# Tailwaggers Dog Club thanks May guest speakers

We had our third in person meeting on May 9 and like the others before it, we had great speakers. Two women from Tehachapi Mountain Dog Fanciers, Barbara Allen and Teri Kahn, spoke about their experiences training dogs since 1995 in the Tehachapi area

and how important training is. They also spoke about their concern for rescue dogs and the number that are needlessly returned to the shelter.

"We want every dog to be in his home forever. Learning how to work with your dog toward a goal builds a bond

that will be with you for life. A dog with manners is much more likely to be considered a member of the family and to remain with his family through thick and thin. Puppies are so adorable. It can be difficult to imagine that bouncy little one going through adolescence and



becoming an annoyance, but it often happens when rules were not established early. Puppies should know the same things that the older dogs know, but we train according to age," Barbara explained.

If you want more information about the Tehachapi Mountain Dog Fanciers, go to their website at <http://tehachapimountaindogfanciers.com>

The Tailwaggers meetings are every second Monday of the month. We meet at the Equestrian Lounge at 6 p.m. for refreshments and the official meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Contact the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club through our website at <http://bvstailwaggers.com> or by contacting the President, Kathy Kneer at [kneer7546@gmail.com](mailto:kneer7546@gmail.com) or 916-878-6453. 🐾

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Parking at 4 Island Lake lot for Boat Trailers and Race Participants only.

**10:00 AM**

**Sign in & Registration**

You must be signed in 30 min prior to race meeting at 10:30. Meet on the beach with your vessels.

**10:30 AM**

**Races Begin**

**AWARDS AFTER RACES**

### Race the Lake Course

For single riders of SUP or Kayak of any age. Approx 3/4 mile around the lake. Staggered starts for SUP and Kayak.

### Kids Short Course

For less experienced SUP and Kayak riders ages 12 & under.

Children 12 & under must wear a USCG approved Life Jacket. Ages 13 & older must be able to swim.

**12:00 NOON**

**Sign in & Registration**

You must be signed in 30 min prior to the parade. Have your vessels in the water by 12:30.

**12:30 PM**

**Boat Parade & Judging**

**AWARDS AFTER PARADE**

### RULES:

You must have a BVS Association Boat Use Permit affixed to port bow to participate (SUPs and inflatables are exempt).

Permits available at the Whiting Center.

No vessels over 20 feet long.

No gas powered boats.

Each person in the boat must wear a USCG Life Jacket.

Boats with children under 12 years of age must have an adult on board.

Remember: Safety First!

**Only \$3. to enter both events!** (til Sat, June 25)

\$5. Mon, June 27- Wed, June 29 \$10. Sat, July 2 Registration must be completed 30 minutes prior to event.

Entry Forms at the Whiting Center or download at [bvsa.org](http://bvsa.org)

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ing then takes place in a Board of Directors executive session meeting and the Board of Directors then makes the decision regarding disciplinary action, which can include fines, loss of amenity privileges, etc.

This process often takes time, but we are grateful that the majority of our members do comply fairly quickly. Our primary goal is not to issue fines or make trouble for our fellow neighbors, but that members comply with the rules that we have agreed to when each of us purchased our properties.

Should you have questions about this process, please feel free to contact the ECC staff at the BVSA office at [ecc@bvsa.org](mailto:ecc@bvsa.org) or 661-821-5537 X222 or X211. 🐾

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system, depending on your situation. These technologies include battery storage systems that can function during a power outage. You can find more information here: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgipinfo/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgipinfo/)

**Disability/Special Needs**

If you or someone you know has a disability or special needs, the California Foundation for Independent Living can help during a PSPS. For more information, visit [www.disabilitydisasteraccess.org](http://www.disabilitydisasteraccess.org)

**PSPS Preparation**

Preparing now can make life more comfortable when the power goes out.

1. Update your contact information with Southern California Edison to ensure you receive PSPS updates. The website address for this is [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp/pssp-alerts](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp/pssp-alerts)

2. Have a personal safety plan in place for every member of your household (including pets).

3. Plan for medical needs, like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.

4. Make sure your weed abatement is done to reduce the risk of wildfire to your

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tion, erosion prevention, weed deterrence, and regulation of root temperature. The depth is dependent on the location. Shaded areas and those protected from the wind require only 3-4 inches, while areas that receive full sun or wind may benefit from a 7-8 inch layer.

**MAINTENANCE:**

Proper maintenance of the plants and irrigation system will preserve a water-wise landscape. When the first six principles are applied, maintenance is easier and less expensive. Because a water-wise landscape is usually healthier, it uses a minimum of fertilizer, pesticide, and other chemicals. 🐾

home and property, including clearing your roof and gutters of pine needles, leaves, and debris.

5. Explore solar-powered chargers or battery backups for your necessary electronic devices.

6. Make sure any backup power sources/generators are in good working condition and ready to operate.

7. Have flashlights and/or LED lanterns available for your household (avoid using candles).

8. Stock up on the right bat-

teries for the items you rely on.  
9. Have a battery-powered or crank radio.

10. Practice opening and closing your garage door manually.

11. Freeze large containers of water to keep food cold during an outage.

For more information on preparing for PSPS, including emergency power planning for medical devices, backup generator safety, rebates on portable power stations, the Self-Generation Incentive Program, and more, please

visit the following websites:

- [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp)
- [www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com)

The Bear Valley CSD staff are happy to be of assistance if you have any questions. We are here to serve our community, and we will work hard to maintain the quality of life that can only be found in our beautiful valley. You can contact us at 661-821-4428, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 🐾

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# Drinking water quality explained

Submitted by  
**BVS Community Services District**

The United States has one of the world's safest water supplies, with 8% of the U.S. community water systems providing water to 82% of the U.S. population and small systems like ours, providing water to another 8% of Americans. Although the taste, hardness, and pH vary from place to place, all community water systems must meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

## State and Federal Requirements

The Safe Drinking Water Act outlines the EPA regulations and includes guidelines for drinking water quality, testing methods, and testing schedules. These guidelines include testing for the presence and levels of over 90 possible contaminants, including biological contam-

inants such as E. coli, metals such as lead, and disinfection byproducts. States may enforce their own additional drinking water standards, but the EPA regulations set a protective minimum.

Every community water supplier must provide an annual water quality report to its customers. This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) provides information specific to your local drinking water. This need-to-know information includes the water source, a list of regulated contaminants, potential health effects, local levels compared to national standards, and any violations of health-based standards.

## In-home Contamination

The Bear Valley Community Services District water utility division frequently tests the water entering your home to ensure it meets the requirements above, but that does not mean

that water is contaminant-free when it exits the tap. Pipe contamination from home plumbing systems is possible, especially in homes built between 1930 and 1980 using galvanized pipes or copper pipes with lead solder. Newer homes often use PVC and PEX pipes. PVC is not suitable for hot water lines, but neither PEX nor PVC corrode, rust, or contain lead. Old water filters can introduce microbial contamination, so be sure to change filters on the schedule recommended by your brand.

It is common for water filtration companies to offer free testing of your water to support the sales of their products. We suggest seeking an independen-

dent water quality test from professional laboratory before purchasing a home filtration system.

## For More Information

Bear Valley Springs residents are notified by postal mail when each year's CCR is made available. Our deadline for delivery each year is July 1. You may view the most current and several past year's reports on our website at: [www.bvcsd.com/public-works](http://www.bvcsd.com/public-works)

For more information on drinking water quality, understanding your CCR, home filtration systems, and how to protect yourself while traveling, visit the CDC's website at: [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/)

# Fishing Catfish and Crappie in Bear Valley

Submitted by  
**BVS Lake Quality Advisory Committee**

Four years ago, fishing in Bear Valley changed abruptly. Conditions in our lake had been deteriorating over time and the nutrient imbalance, along with weather conditions, resulted in the biggest fish kill we had seen in Bear Valley Springs to date.

The only fish left were the new Bullhead Catfish fry. The abundance of catfish filling our lake with no predators switched our fishing focus to catfish harvesting. This sequence of events led to the creation of our three annual Virtual Catfish derbies. The first one this year was held over Memorial Day weekend, followed by the upcoming 4th of July weekend catfish derby. The third and final catfish derby will be held over Labor Day weekend. If you haven't participated in any of our previous derbies, we encourage you to



join in this fun way to help our lakes thrive.

The Lake Quality Committee has been actively working at steps to improve the health of our lakes and to reintroduce the fish. This has been successful, evidenced by the young of

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**2022 Annual Bear Valley Springs  
4th of July Parade Entry Form  
Monday morning July 4th**

**THIS IS BEAR VALLEYS 31<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!  
LET'S MAKE IT THE VERY BEST!!**

USE YOUR IMAGINATION - DRESS UP IN COSTUME - DECORATE YOUR TRACTOR, GOLF CART OR VEHICLE - TWIRL YOUR BATON - RIDE YOUR HORSE or WALK YOUR LLAMA!!

The parade begins at the OTCC lower parking lot and ends at N. Lower Valley Rd.  
Parade starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. You must arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and check in at the lower OTCC parking lot where you will be assigned a number along the street. (Cars will stage at the upper OTCC parking lot). **Note: The Parade will stage at 9:00am and Start at 10:00am!**

Animals **MUST** be kept under control at all times. **ALL ANIMALS WILL GO INTO THE CSD PARKING LOT AT THE FINISH OF THE PARADE.** No animals are allowed to go through the Cub Lake area without permission.

**You need to submit an entry form to be included in the Parade! No motorcycles, Please!**  
Entry forms may be dropped off at the Whiting Center or e-mailed to either [denislewis@gmail.com](mailto:denislewis@gmail.com) or [Debbiep@bvsa.org](mailto:Debbiep@bvsa.org)  
For information call Denise Lewis at (706) 621-2497

Release of liability form completed by each person in your group including children **must be turned into the group contact person listed on this form and carried with your group during the parade.**

Last date of registration is June 30th. NO exceptions!!!

**OFFICIAL 2022 - 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE ENTRY FORM:**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact has Release Forms for all: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Type of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

(Detailed description ex: Float, golf cart, ride horse, car, etc.)



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proper paperwork for approval. (This rule pertains to exterior painting only. The ECC does not monitor or regulate interior paint).

1. The exterior colors of all improvements must be approved by the ECC. Only exterior paints and other finishes of subtle earth-tone colors with a light reflective value (LRV) 60 or less will be approved by the ECC. All detached improvements and other structures must be painted to match the house siding or other exterior finish, trim and roof color. White, blue, yellow, and some reds and greens are not approved colors. Some other colors with an LRV 60 or less cannot be approved if they are of a hue similar to the unapproved colors described above.

2. White exterior finishes apply only to manufactured white vinyl window frames, not to exceed three inches, and does not extend to any other trim, accent, building decorations, doors, French doors, or non-vinyl manufactured window materials. All exterior surfaces which are painted or otherwise finished shall be kept repaired, painted and finished. Wood siding and/or decks must be properly finished and regularly maintained with paint, stain or sealer. Bright or reflective metal (other than usual and ordinary door and window hardware), wood, primer, or undercoat may not be exposed.

These two examples are the most common violations we see occurring. On example #1, some folks have decided to install privacy fencing without submitting for approval. By doing this, a person could face disciplinary action, along with the removal of said fencing.

When a suspected violation has occurred, the violation goes to the ECC panel for review. If a violation is verified, a "Cooperation Request Letter" is sent to the party involved. Members are usually given 30 days to apply for/fix the violation. If compliance is not met, a "Second Cooperation Letter" is sent out with a 15-day request for compliance. If no correction is made and no communication from the member is given, the ECC may pursue Member Disciplinary Action, a dollar fine amount, and suspension of the member's amenities until compliance has been achieved.

**Note:** The ECC meets weekly, every Wednesday morning.

The Board of Directors does not wish for anyone to be affected in a negative manner and we ask our membership to seek advice prior to starting any upgrades or new projects. We would always suggest, if there is any doubt about the C&Rs, please contact the ECC office for verification at ECC@bvsa.org or 661-821-5537. 🐾

Meet at Beaubien Field at 6:00am the day of your reservation. You will either 'fly' first and then change out to ride in the chase car during the second "hop" or visa versa. When the balloon lands they pack it up and return to the Beaubien Field, where there is a ceremony awarding your certificates and a champagne toast. (Adults)

Bring:  
A light jacket, your camera, wear tennis shoes, and bring your payment.

Requirements:  
Children must be 42" high to see over the rim of the basket.

Passengers may not weigh over 220 lbs., be pregnant, and physical restrictions may apply. Only groups of 2 to 3 people max.



**2022 HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES**



Bear Valley Springs Association  
Whiting Center  
(661) 821-6641



**Hot Air Balloon Rides**  
on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at Beaubien Field.  
Make your reservations between June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> at Whiting Center.  
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# RC Club hosts Learn to Fly Day

Submitted by  
**Mitch McDiffett**  
President,  
RC Modelers Club

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to fly an RC (Radio Controlled) plane? Well, about three years ago, I got the opportunity. I had just

retired and was wondering what I was going to do with my time. I was invited to the field one day and have been going back ever since. When I was first learning to fly RC planes, a seasoned RC pilot invested his time in me and helped me learn. One method we used, was flying with a Buddy Box.

The Buddy Box allows a beginner to fly with the knowledge that the experienced pilot can and will take over when needed.


On Saturday, June 11, that beginner can be you. Come join us at the RC Flying field (right behind the transfer station) and we will give you an

opportunity to fly an RC plane. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and go till 11 a.m. (or when it gets too windy). We will also have some flying demonstrations and will be serving hot dogs at 11 a.m. Come join us in the fun!

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the stocked fish. We now have bluegill and golden shiners reproducing in the lakes as a sustainable food source for the larger game fish. This was the first step before stocking the Crappie and the Bass, which are also propagating. In fact, the Crappie is so prolific that as of this month, we are lifting the ban on Crappie 8" and under only. Along with unlimited catfish, you are encouraged to harvest the smaller crappie to keep our lake population in balance.

The Bass population is slowly growing, but not large enough to harvest yet. Trout will not be added since they are not sustainable here. That being said, there is a beautiful lake with a catchable fish population to enjoy with your family as we move outside to enjoy our warmer weather.

The LQAC will have a booth at the 4th of July events, where you can gain a better understanding of our lake health and challenges, current and future fishing, and answer any questions you may have. Please, stop by and see what we're up to. 



## do 1 thing

SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

### Unique Family Needs



**THE GOAL:** Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs.

*Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.*

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

#### Talk with family members to identify your household's unique needs.

What kinds of things can members of your household not be without for 72 hours? Here are some examples of things that can create unique needs for your family:

- Infants and young children
- Prescription medication (keep a three day supply with you)
- Health-related supplies (For example, diabetics need insulin syringes, alcohol wipes, and glucometer supplies)
- Assistive devices (glasses, canes, etc.)
- Pets

When you are in a hurry, it is easy to overlook small and important items. Common items like diapers and pet food might not be easy to find right after a disaster. Trying new brands of food or formula, or not having a comfort item, can make disasters more stressful for both children and pets.

Talk to your kids about what to do in a fire, a medical emergency, or a disaster. Make sure they know where emergency supplies are kept, how (and when) to call 911, and who to call if they can't reach you in an emergency.



# Avoid hazards with these generator safety tips

With the prevalence of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) in Bear Valley Springs, residents may have or plan to acquire standby generators. A PSPS occurs during times that there is a high risk of wildfire, and it would be unfortunate if the use of a generator during a PSPS became the cause of a fire, injury, or even death. Generators can create multiple safety hazards, and homeowners need to understand how to protect against these hazards.

## Generators are potentially hazardous in multiple ways:

- Fuel to run the engine is flammable and may also be explosive.
- Exhaust from the engine contains carbon monoxide, which can be deadly when inhaled.
- The exhaust is very hot and can cause burns or ignite fires if too close to combustible materials.
- If improperly wired to the home or devices in the house, electricity from the generator can ignite fires or cause electrocution.

## Whole house generator system

This system includes a permanently installed generator wired directly into the home with a transfer switch. Typically, the generator will be large enough to run most or all of the house's usual electrical demands, although it could also be sized to run only part of the average load. The generator could be fueled by natural gas, propane, gasoline, or diesel.

The transfer switch is essential, as it ensures that electrical power from only the utility, or only the generator, flows into the home. The switch disconnects your main breaker panel from the utility company supply before connecting it to your generator's output.

Without a properly installed

transfer switch, electricity from the generator could flow back to the utility company's wires, creating fire risk or possibly injuring utility workers. The transfer switch could be manual, meaning it must be operated by hand or automatic. With manual control, it may also be necessary to start the generator manually.

An automatic switch will

detect a utility company outage, causing the generator to start and switch to the standby power position. Likewise, when utility power is restored, it will switch back to the utility power position and cause the generator to shut down.

## Manual transfer switch and portable generator

In this case, the transfer

switch is similar to that used with a whole house generator. It includes a receptacle into which the electrical output from a portable generator is connected with a special extension cord. It is possible that a portable generator could be large enough to run all electrical demands in the house, but more likely, it would be sized

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## Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster.

A disaster may happen while you are away from home. Your neighborhood may be evacuated, or you could be trapped somewhere else and unable to get home. Consider asking a trusted neighbor to check on your pets if you can't get home because of a disaster or emergency. You may also ask them to take your pets with them if an evacuation is ordered while you are not home. Make sure they are comfortable with your pet, and that they know where to find leashes and other supplies.

*Remember, pets are not allowed in most emergency shelters. Talk to your local animal control agency or humane society about options for sheltering your pet in a disaster.*

## If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.

People with disabilities are more affected by disaster than others in the community. Accessible services might not be available. Hazards like wildfire, floods, and hurricanes can lead to evacuations. If you have a disability and you live in an area where these things can happen, make sure you have an evacuation plan:

- Make sure you are signed up for any emergency notification systems your community offers. Some notification systems will only call landline phones. If you use a cell phone, you may have to sign up separately.
- Paratransit services may not be available once a disaster happens. Talk to your paratransit provider now to find out what services they can provide when evacuation is ordered.
- If paratransit services aren't available, arrange for someone else to pick you up if an evacuation is ordered. Make sure they will come for you UNLESS you tell them not to. That way there won't be any confusion when the time comes. If you can't evacuate, call 911 to let them know your location.
- Talk to your local Red Cross chapter or other organizations who provide emergency sheltering in your community. Make sure that your needs can be met in an emergency shelter. Think about accessible entrances and bathrooms. What methods of communicating with shelter staff, medical services or assistive devices will you need? If you have a service animal, talk to them about what they can provide for the animal. Find out what you need to bring with you. Make sure you have batteries or a charger for any assistive devices in your emergency kit.

for immediate needs, possibly with a sub-panel that allows it to feed only selected circuits.

**Portable generator with extension cords**

In this case, whatever devices in the house need to be run

on standby power (lamps, appliances, etc.) are unplugged from the wall receptacle and plugged into the generator with extension cords. With this arrangement, generally, only the necessities are operated. It may not be possible to run heating or air conditioning systems, stoves, ovens, etc., if they are hard-wired into the house electrical system rather than plugged into wall outlets.

The whole house generator, if properly installed, will be the safest way to provide standby power. Portable generators with extension cords and no transfer switches will present the most significant hazards and require the homeowner's attention to avoid accidents.

First and foremost, if you elect to install a whole-house generator or just a manual transfer switch for a portable generator, these must be installed by a properly licensed contractor who obtains all required permits. This diligence will ensure that the generator, fuel supply, and electrical connection to the home are installed correctly according to the legally enforceable building codes.

If you have an existing whole house generator or transfer switch installed before you bought your home, have it inspected by a qualified contractor.

Once assured that your generator or transfer switch is installed correctly, you still need to pay attention to operation and maintenance requirements to ensure it stays safe. You should have an owner's manual. If you do not, chances are you can find the right one for your equipment on the internet.

**Critical Safety Rules**

- The generator must always be operated outdoors, far enough away from doors and windows to keep deadly exhaust fumes from entering the home.
- The generator should be placed on asphalt or concrete if possible and kept away from

combustible materials on the ground, such as pine needles, grass, and leaves.

- The generator should be allowed to cool off before refueling, as spilling gasoline onto a hot engine or exhaust muffler may cause a fire.

- Extension cords must be grounded (three-prong plug), in good condition, rated for exterior use, and sufficient for the loads.

- Plan before a power outage where you will place the generator and route your extension cords with attention to where they will enter the home. This usually means leaving a door or window partly open, allowing exhaust from the generator into the house. If a door or window is closed onto a cord, it may pinch the cord, cut the insulation, and create an electrocution or fire hazard.

- Understand the capacity of your generator and do not overload it.

- Never use an extension cord to connect the output from the generator into any permanent house wiring except through a properly installed transfer switch.

Additional resources on keeping your generator safe and reliable will include your owner's manual and a wealth of information available on the internet. Suggested references include:

Generator Safety | Generator Safety Tips | Red Cross Using Portable/Emergency Generators Safely | Department of Energy

Using Portable Generators Safely (osha.gov)

GeneratorSafetyTips.ashx (nfpa.org)

*This article was provided by the Bear Valley Community Services District's Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council, which reminds you while disaster preparedness is every person's responsibility, we are all in this together, and together we are resilient.* 🐾

There will be a \$75 fee for all Craft Booths. (\$25 per day) Please include your payment to BVSA with this form. (Only residents may pay with a check) Applications taken from May 1<sup>st</sup> on.

**BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS 2022 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION CRAFT SALES BOOTHS & ACTIVITES**  
**NON-FOOD REGISTRATION July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at CUB LAKE**  
(subject to change)



NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON (S): NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOT/ TRACT# \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE GROUPS ACTIVITIES OR PRODUCT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Use Request Agreement:**

In consideration of being allowed to make a special use of the above-described facility or common area, the Special User named above (and each guest, member and participant) agree that the use of the facility or common area is at their own risk, that they are voluntarily using the facility or common area, and that they assume all risk of injury, damage and loss to persons or property resulting from or in any way connected with such use, and further agree to release and discharge the Association and its employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of or related to the Special use. The Special User agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and release the Association, its employees, agents and representatives from any and all liability for damage and/or injury to any person or property resulting from or related in any way to the Special Use. Furthermore Guest, Member and participants shall be responsible for damage to facilities i.e. driving on grass at Cub Lake / Four Island Lake and running over sprinklers during set up.

This document contains all terms of use and I/We understand and will abide by the terms. I/We also understand that any advertising, news items or invitations to the public will include a statement that describes the procedure for obtaining a road or guest pass required for the public. By signing this document, Special User acknowledges that the Association reserves the right to inspect/audit the books and records to verify gross revenue and the amount of the fee to be paid. [Section 1802 (c) (1) & (2)].

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract/Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ FSI#\_INT\_ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE WHITING CENTER, NO LATER THAN JUNE 24, 2022

The top 3 Patriotic Decorated Booths will receive a Cash Prize of \$25.00! Prizes will be awarded Saturday afternoon.

Friday evening starts the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Moonlight Movies at Cub Lake. The celebration is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday<sup>st</sup>; 7/2 & 7/3, from 9am to 4:30pm for all the Cub Lake activities, & Monday 7/4 from 9am to 3:30pm for all the Cub Lake activities. \*am will be the church service on Sunday. The balloons will 'fly' each morning at about 6:30am from Beaubien Field.

Your site location will be assigned to you and you will be informed of the location by June 30. There is NO ELECTRICITY available for the booths. The sites are 14 feet across the front and the booth needs to be placed 3 feet back from the sidewalk to allow for emergency vehicles. You will be allowed two vendor passes that will enable you to drive your vehicle into the park area for the purpose of unloading your set up items. Please supply names below.

You may set up on Friday and must have everything removed on Tuesday. You may not breakdown before closing each day, even if you close your booth. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY YOUR VEHICLES DRIVE ON THE GRASS AREA OF THE PARK OR ON THE ASPHALT WALKWAY. AFTER UNLOADING YOUR SET UP YOU MUST MOVE YOUR VEHICLE TO AN APPROVED PARKING AREA OR YOU MAY BE TICKETED.**

**THERE ARE NO TABLES AND CHAIRS AVAILABLE FOR RENT; YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN!**

Should you have any questions, please call the Whiting Center at 821-6641.

VENDOR PASSES FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE LICENSE #S: \_\_\_\_\_

We want to advertise your Booth with Special Recognition and would appreciate an item, basket or certificate representing your Booth for our raffle. Most vendors have generously provided a minimum of \$20 item or basket and many vendors have given much more. Please deliver your Raffle Prize to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Booth early on Saturday for maximum exposure! The drawing is on Monday starting after the flag ceremony!

I will donate: \_\_\_\_\_

**The top 3 Patriotic Decorated Booths will receive a Cash Prize of \$25.00! Prizes will be awarded Saturday afternoon.**

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can be extremely aggressive at certain times of year. Male, or “bull” elk are aggressive during the rutting (mating) season, and a female or “cow” elk can be extremely dangerous if you get too close to her calf. It is easy to understand why the CDFW mandates a minimum safe viewing distance of 75 yards for elk. (For visualization purposes, picture ¾ of the length of a football field.)

BVS has many varieties of snakes! The majority are nonpoisonous California kingsnakes, gopher snakes, mountain kingsnakes, racers, and garter snakes. Northern pacific rattlesnakes are the only venomous snake species that is indigenous to the Tehachapi region. These rattlers bear a close resemblance the common gopher snake, and are sometimes misidentified as being harmless. Most people have a natural aversion to snakes and will generally keep a safe distance if they see one.

The more than a dozen species of “raptors” or birds of prey that inhabit the Tehachapi mountains includes falcons, hawks, kites, harriers, owls, eagles, and ospreys. BVS also has a large population of scavenger birds that include turkey vultures, California condors, and American ravens. Some of our indigenous bird species build nests on the ground. These include killdeer, California quail, and burrowing owls. Then there are the aquatic species; cranes, ducks, and redwing blackbirds. These birds build nests in the rushes and cattails, in the marginal areas along the lake shores. It is worth noting that all of the aforementioned bird species are protected by California law.

Tehachapi has its fair share of insects that can deliver harmful bites or stings. These include such notable favorites as black widows, brown widows, tarantulas, desert recluse spiders, tarantula hawks, bald-faced hornets, centipedes, scorpions, honey bees, bumble bees, and western yellowjacket

**Bear Tracks**

wasps. As with snakes, most people have a natural aversion to insects and will instinctively know to stay away.

We can best help our resident wild “neighbors” by leaving them alone and allowing nature to play out on its own, without human interference or intervention. We can at the same time protect ourselves and our pets by implementing a few simple practices:

1) Be aware of your surroundings at all times, especially while you’re driving, hiking, walking your dog, or distracted by another task or activity. It’s easy to develop tunnel vision and miss seeing a wild animal in our immediate proximity.

2) Give all wildlife a wide berth and maintain a healthy level of respect. Keep a safe distance, and if necessary, consider going in the opposite direction in order to avoid a wild animal confrontation. Want a closer look? The best bet is a pair of binoculars or spotting scope.

3) Always try to hike in pairs or groups. Large predators are less likely to attack groups of people and are more hesitant to act aggressively towards a perceived greater threat. Notify someone at home of your plans to hike into a remote area, just in case you sprain an ankle or run into trouble outside of cell phone range. If for some reason you fail to return within the agreed upon time-frame, your loved ones can alert the authorities to come looking for you.

4) Please slow down when you are behind the wheel, especially in the early morning hours, at twilight, and in the evenings when visibility is limited. This will give you a little extra time to react if a deer or other animal bolts out into the roadway. Keep your head on a swivel while driving; continually check the sides of the road ahead for deer about to cross.

5) Deer and elk congregate and travel in groups. Often herd stragglers will bolt across the road long after the forerun-

ners have crossed. Be careful to look both ways, and wait until you are certain that all herd members have crossed before proceeding slowly with caution.

6) Deer, elk, rabbits, gophers, etc., may find their way onto your property. Be sure to fence off your precious gardens to prevent these herbivorous visitors from decimating your labor of love.

7) Always keep a close eye on your pets and avoid leaving them outside without supervision. Many people have had their unattended pets snatched up from their backyards by mountain lions, bears, coyotes, bobcats, and even large raptors.

8) Bears are opportunistic feeders and will always seek an easy meal. Never keep food in your car. Get rid of candy wrappers and empty “to go” food bags. Keep your car clean and locked! Clean your BBQ frequently and keep it locked in a shed or in your garage. Store bulk pet foods in airtight containers, and don’t leave them outside where they can attract bears.

9) Keep your eyes peeled for snakes anytime you are outdoors, and stay clear of them unless you are adept at identification. Keep doors, screens, and garages closed at all times to keep out unwanted slithering visitors (and insects).

10) Be on the lookout for scorpions and centipedes around or underneath rotting debris and stacked firewood or lumber. Keep an eye out for black or brown widows and scorpions while spring cleaning your garage or storage shed. Spiders and other biting insects like to hide in dark, confined spaces. Don’t leave boots or shoes outside or in your garage. Carefully shake out shoes that have been left outside to avoid an insect surprise!

Our indigenous wildlife is integral to the beauty and charm of our beloved Bear Valley Springs. Just making a few simple changes to your daily routine can make a big difference. In so doing, you will be helping to protect and preserve our local wildlife, while at the same time keeping you and your pets safer. 🐾



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**TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES to BVSA RULES**

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

Section 108. Board Advisory Committees

(b) Formation: All Members of a committee shall be appointed by the Board.

E. Committee Members may be replaced, or added by the Board during the term as needed.

**The Form submitted is named "BVSA Board Advisory Committee Individual Request to be appointed". The second line of this form should read: the Advisory Committee chair, the secretary, the assigned BVSA Staff committee member or the Board of Director assigned to the committee or GM may sign as the Name and Title of the Requestor for the BVSA Board Advisory Committee Individual Request Form. Request for Committee Appointments must only come through these above individuals.**

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

In Order to adhere to continuity within an Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee chair, the secretary, the assigned BVSA Staff committee member or the Board of Director assigned to the committee or GM may sign as the Name and Title of the Requestor for the BVSA Board Advisory Committee Individual Request Form. Request for Committee Appointments must come through these above individuals. Proposed Rule Change submitted by Kimberly Clow.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES to ECC Rules**

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

SECTION 120. Fencing

C. Screening (Solid/~~Privacy~~ Fencing): **1. All propane (LPG) tanks must be screened with solid fencing and painted to match the primary residence.**

± **2. Screening/solid/privacy fencing may only be used ~~approved~~ when it is demonstrated to the ECC that no other type of fencing ~~or evergreen vegetation~~ will serve the intended a valid and necessary purpose as determined by the ECC. except that all propane (LPG) tanks must**

be screened with solid fencing. **Where approved, on lots of 0.5 (one-half) acre or more, this type of fencing may only be placed in the immediate vicinity of the object or area to be screened.** -2- **3.** When approved by the ECC, all solid screening shall be constructed of wood **and**/or natural evergreen vegetation. Where evergreen vegetation is used, it shall reach its useful density and height within four (4) growing seasons and thereafter continue to effectively screen the item. **Submittals are not required for evergreen vegetation or other landscaping used for screening.** -3- **4.** Solid screening may be necessary to reduce visibility of the area to be screened from neighboring lots or streets, roads or Common Areas. **4. 5.** The permissible maximum height of privacy fencing shall be five (5) feet high with the exception of when it will be used to shield hot tubs or Jacuzzi's and then the height will be a maximum of six (6) feet high. Privacy fencing, without exception, will not be allowed to encroach on or encompass the front yard of property. (Amended 02/15/15)  
(a) Houses facing the street: The fence will extend to the furthestmost front right corner and the furthestmost left corner of the house.  
(b) Houses located at an intersection: The fence will extend to the furthestmost front non-side street corner and to the furthestmost back corner facing the side street of the house.  
(c) Houses located on an angle to the main street and side street: The fence may not extend past the closest most right corner and closest most left corner of the house.(Added 02/15/15)

**5.6.** When screening is required or approved by the ECC in accordance with these Rules, all posts, rails and structural reinforcements shall be on the inside of the screening so as not to be visible from other lots, streets, roads or the Common Areas **i.e. the finished side must face the neighbor or Common Area. The ECC may require the fence to be painted to blend in with the property or natural surroundings.** **6. 7.** Properties adjacent to the golf course ~~or lake~~ may not use privacy fencing except in an area close to the house where a hot tub or a Jacuzzi is located and only to enclose the immediate area of the hot tub ~~Jæuzzi~~. (Added June 15, 2011; Amended 02/10/15)

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**8. When any previously approved screening/solid/privacy fencing or portions of the screening needs to be repaired or replaced, a new submittal and approval is required by the ECC to determine if the solid/privacy fence is still necessary based on the purposes for which the fence was originally approved.**

**9. Privacy fencing that is constructed without ECC approval may be referred to the Board of Directors for possible disciplinary action, and if the fencing is not approved by the ECC may be required to be removed**

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major. She studies with Jason Stoll and was fortunate to begin her studies with him as a high school junior. Marisa maintains a 3.98 GPA and has received multiple scholarships, including the Colburn Classical Music Scholarship and the Samuel John Swartz Memorial Scholarship in 2021. Marisa also participates in many outside musical venues and as the President of the CSUN Piano Club, organizes master classes and events for the piano department.

Her future plan is to apply for a Master's Program at University of Southern California.

Anya Norton taught preschool, kindergarten and high school special education in both Utah and California for a total of 31 years. Anya received her MA in education from Chapman University in 2006.

In 2019, she and husband Bill retired and moved to Bear Valley Springs. She is active in community affairs and is events chair for Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association.

As a scholarship conductor at the Aspen School of Music, David Newby worked with Flora Contino, who appointed him as Assistant Conductor of the Peoria Civic Opera. That year he performed as a finalist in the Scarritt Conducting Competition. He served as Director of Vocal and Choral Music at Culver Military Academy, where his assemblies consistently won top honors. As Music Director of the Summer Opera Theater at Indiana University, South Bend, his performances of LA Bohme (Puccini) and Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach) earned critical acclaim. His dissertation on Odeus Rex (Stravinsky) received the 1996 Julius Herford Prize for Distinguished Research from the

American Choral Directors Association and was hailed by The Choral Journal as, "a major contribution to the study of Stravinsky's music." He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Illinois State University. At the Indiana University School of Music, he earned a Master's degree in theory and Master's and Doctoral degrees in conducting. He was profiled in "Where Music Lives," a documentary on the Indiana University School of Music. David has conducted

the Tehachapi Community Orchestra since the 1999/2000 season. He is also professor of music at Antelope Valley College, where he directs the orchestral and choral programs, and oversees the Associate of Arts in Music degree program. Under his direction, the Antelope Valley Symphony and Master Chorale merged in 1998, a union of two esteemed organizations, each with its own performance tradition. In addition to his position as Artistic Director of AVSOMC, David furthermore directs the Antelope Valley College Orchestra.

David Ramirez received his Bachelors in flute performance from California State University Northridge, where he graduated Cum Laude in 2021. During his time at CSUN, David won the CSUN Concerto Competition in his freshman year, after which he performed Cecile Chaminade's Concertino with the CSUN Symphony in December 2018. David also won several scholarships during his time at CSUN, including the Colburn Classical Music Scholarship in 2019. After completing his time at CSUN, where he played as principal flute with the CSUN Symphony, CSUN Wind Ensemble, CSUN Opera Orchestra, and Northridge Flute Quartet, David has dedicated his time to teaching private flute les-

sons as well as beginner piano, in

**Purpose and Effect of Proposed Changes**

As new residents have come into the valley from more suburban locations, the ECC is seeing an increase in requests for as well as construction of unapproved privacy fencing. Due to the obtrusive nature of large amounts of privacy fencing, the ECC would like to clarify the rules and standards to promote limited use of this type of fencing. Proposed Change submitted by the ECC.

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ber Group. David is an active freelance musician in the L.A. area and will be beginning his Master's in Flute Performance in the Fall of 2022 at the University of Southern California. 🐾

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