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Out with the old, in with the new amenities cards and recreation software

by **Wesley Shryock**
MBA, CMCA
BVSA General Manager

New Amenities Cards

In October, my article informed the membership that the BVSA was rolling out new amenity cards to our members and residents. The BVSA has partnered with the CSD and Gatehouse software to issue amenity cards that can be used both at our amenities and in the visitor lane of the gate with RFID technology. This will eventually replace our prior cards and the colored stickers in windshields for the visitor lane (RFID for

the members lane will not be affected). Unlike our previous cards or the colored stickers, we are able to turn off access with these cards when someone is no longer an owner or a resident, making abuse by those who do not reside here more difficult.

As of this writing, our office has printed over 2,100 cards. This month, the final letters in the alphabet (names ending in T-Z), as well as anyone who has not yet come in for new cards, are welcome to visit the BVSA office to receive cards. To keep wait times short, we encourage the amenity card request form to

be filled out by the property owner prior to your visit. Detailed information on the roll out and forms are available on our website at www.bvsa.org/posts/new-bvsa-amenity-card-roll-out. Only one form is required per household, so if someone on the property has already received a new card, you do not need to fill out a new form. Be ready for each member of your household over age 18 to show proof that you reside together (usually a driver's license or other government issued documentation with the same address) and bring your old cards to turn in. Children over age 9 and teens permanently residing in your household are also eligible to receive cards. Lastly, be prepared to smile as we will be taking your picture! Your new cards will be printed and issued while you wait. If you are a renter/tenant, the owner or property manager will need to complete the

renter/tenant form and we will need a copy of the most recent lease (you will not be required to pay the renter fee again).

We have been offering Saturday hours once a month to accommodate those who have been unable to come during our regular business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be offering Saturday service on Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are also happy to work with those for whom BVS is not their primary residence, or who have other extenuating circumstances, by turning in required forms and documentation via email to ecc@bvsa.org. If you have any questions, our staff can assist you at 661-821-5537 X222 or X211.

As our cards have not been updated since 2006, this much-needed update will help to ensure that access to

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January 2023 Bear Tracks cover photo by
David Joseph



The Three Amigos

24 x 30 Alcohol Ink

"The Three Amigos," is definitely a favorite. You have to smile when you see their little faces begging for more treats and attention. The background in the original painting was done with tiny dots of an alcohol ink pen. I won't do that again because it took forever!

"The Three Amigos" will be on display at the Mulligan room in BVS for the month of January

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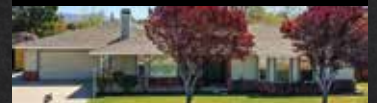
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2023 BVSA challenges and goals

Submitted by

Jim Panek

BVSA Board Director

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, stayed healthy and happy. I wanted to let you know what the Association has planned for the 2023 year. As an Association, we have many challenges ahead with respect to new projects and maintaining the current amenities. The costs of materials and shipping have almost doubled since 2020, and the time frames to get appliances, materials or equipment, went from several days to several weeks, sometimes longer.

This is a definite challenge. The repairs, updates and re-

placement of amenities need to have an estimate of both costs and completion times. We have had to adjust and extend time frames, deal with extended delivery times and elevated costs and shipping. I bring this up because Bear Valley Springs is now over 50 years old. Pipes, structures, septic and sewage systems are requiring more and more attention, upkeep and replacement. The Board of Directors are always looking at how to save money, cut costs and expedite project completion times. This is becoming more difficult with the current world situation. As an Association, we will continue to assess every need, every repair

and every opportunity to save the membership money.

As an Association we have a few goals this year. The first goal is to repair or replace some of the aging amenities and maintain others with minimum cost to the members. As a Board, we need to find solutions to higher prices, as well as lag times for equipment and materials, by finding possible alternatives with shipping and purchasing.

As a Board, we need to continue to meet our financial reserve goals and maintain a healthy reserve fund, so that the membership can be assured that the community can and will have future funding for any project that comes along.

The Mulligan Room kitchen expansion is set to begin in February 2023, pending the Kern County building Permit department, Kern County Health and Safety and finally the CSD and their Board of Directors' approval.

The construction project will hopefully take approximately 60 days to complete. This will require us to shut down the Mulligan Room between Feb. 1 to April 1. During that time frame, we are preparing to have the OTCC dining room serve the membership, seven days a week, breakfast, lunch and dinner. We apologize for this inconvenience, but in the end, the Mulligan Room will be able to provide better service and serving times for our members, not to mention the staff will have the much-needed addition of new equipment and space to prepare the meals.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the membership in advance for their patience and understanding. The Mulligan Room project is very comprehensive and a large undertaking. We are hoping not to inconvenience the membership for too long, but hope the new kitchen will enhance your dining experience in the future. 🐾

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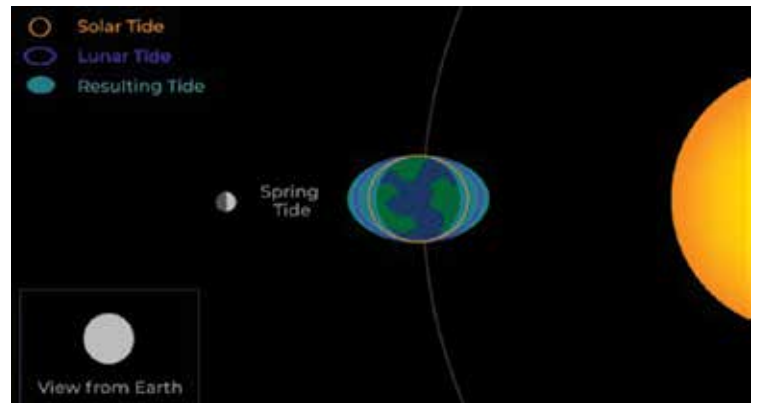
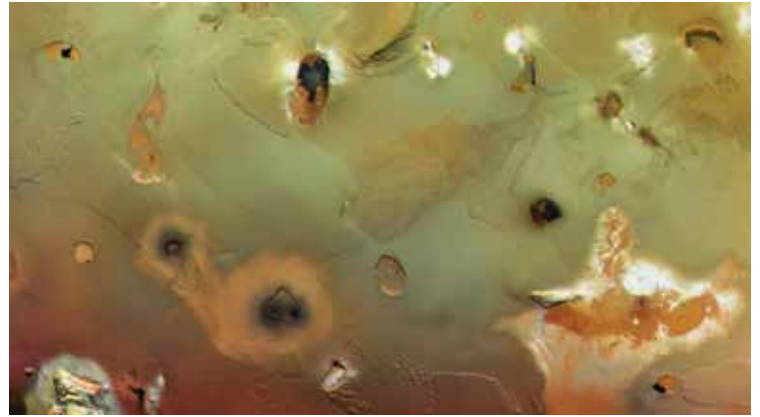
Submitted by
**Bear Valley Springs
Astronomy Club**

Surfers, boaters, and fishermen pay close attention to our ocean's tides. Our planet's tides are caused by the combined gravitational pull from our sun and our moon. When the Earth is lined up between the sun and moon, the ocean closest to those bodies is pulled to its deepest, and 90 degrees from those points, the ocean is pulled to its shallowest. For a moving image of this, I googled

"earth's tides" and the first hit was moon.nasa.gov. If you find that moving image, tides will make perfect sense to you too.

All tides are not equal. Since the Earth's orbit around the sun is elliptical, the amount of gravitational pull varies. Gravitational force is an inverse square of the distance. This means that if you double the distance, the force of gravity decreases by a factor of four.

Tidal forces exist on other moons and planets too. Today's episode is about one of Jupiter's moons, Io (pronounced



eye-oh).

Io has no impact craters because its surface is continually being renewed due to volcanic activity. As it revolves around massive Jupiter in an elliptical pattern, Jupiter's massive gravity pulls on Io and "stretches" it in one direction at perihelion (closest) and relaxes it at aphelion (farthest). It is a similar process to kneading dough. The "bulge" on the surface of Io varies by as much as 330 feet! Friction from perpetual tidal stretching creates enough heat

inside Io to liquefy its rocky core. The heat and pressure inside Io find escape routes to the surface making Io the most volcanically active world in our solar system.

In contrast to tides on Earth, the surface of the ocean varies by 60 feet from high to low tide. And it requires far less force to move liquid water than the solid ground on Io. The continual volcanism on Io is one of my favorite fun facts about our solar system.

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and see Jupiter in our sky, think of the moon Io and its hot molten core out there in our vast cold solar system. 🐾

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Can your home withstand a wildfire?

Submitted by
Megan Clark
BVCS 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 ten 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

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- 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
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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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Why should you care about Yellow Starthistle?

Submitted by

Megan Clark

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Specialist

Yellow Starthistle (YST) is a highly invasive plant that is widespread in Bear Valley Springs. It can be found at all elevations where it reduces property desirability by interfering with land use. This species has overwhelmed millions of acres of land in California, forming dense infestations that are deadly to horses, choking out native plants, reducing species diversity, interrupting balance in the ecosystem, and reducing forage availability for wildlife. Here in BVS, it is particularly prevalent on private properties on the valley floor. It has spread onto the trail easements causing hik-



ers and horseback riders to inadvertently contact seeds and carry them to other areas.

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 nearly 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 postemergence

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- **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. Email bvswildlifecoalition@gmail.com for more information.
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- **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.
- **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 (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Ivette Farrell at 661-544-0087.
- **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 smustaffa@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 Mark Poindexter at 805-320-9444.
- **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 is 661-817-2173.
- **RC MODELERS** - Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance most Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. Restarting Sept. 23. New dancers from 6:30 PM to 7:15, and intermediate dancers from 7:15 to 8:00 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818 961 4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Kathy Kneer, 916-878-6453, Kneer7546@gmail.com.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** - Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, <https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/>
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** - Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the_burt_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** - Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **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
- **FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY** - Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
- **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Debbie Papac @ 821-6541
- **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
- **TRAIL TREKKERS** - Enhancing club member enjoyment of existing trail system within Bear Valley. Increase knowledge in the safe long-distance. Contact Carol Miller @ 821-8966.
- **SPINNERS AND WEAVERS** - Exchanging of techniques & support. Contact Elaine Maxwell @ 821-1680 or Rona Samuels @ 821-5828.
- **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)** - Contact Jay Carlyn, Captain, at 661-858-4106 or Karen Rathbun, Lieutenant for brochure and information.



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Let's talk lighting

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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.

- Exterior Lighting. All exterior lights must be shielded, constructed or installed in such a manner that the filaments are not visible from adjacent lots or any of the Common Areas. The number of lights visible on any one elevation (side) of a residence or other improvement or structure shall not exceed



five (5) and no exterior light shall exceed forty (40) watts, incandescent, 750 lumens.

- Security Lighting. Security lights programmed to stay on continuously through-

out the night are prohibited. Lighting controlled by motion detectors is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per cycle and may not exceed forty (40) watts, incandescent,



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- **Landscape/decorative Lighting.** 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.

- **Driveway Lighting.** 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 4 feet. Lights marking the entrance from the street may not exceed 7 feet at the bulb.

- **Low wattage solar lights,** no more than ¼ 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 lighting on your property and ensure your property is

in compliance with the C&R's and ECC Rules. 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 don'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.

Bear Valley Wildlife Coalition meets Jan. 18

Come and join us at the BVS Wildlife Coalition (WLC) meeting on Jan. 18 (rain/snow date Jan. 25), at 6 p.m. at the OTCC, when the entries for the logo competition will be voted on by the members present. Members and non-members welcome!

The Board will be revealing plans and initiatives for the new year at the Jan. 18 meeting. We will be asking for suggestions, ideas and input from you – the residents of BVS. What would you like to see the WLC work on to help keep the unique environment and wildlife of BVS safe? Do you have ideas on how to protect the wild animals who live in BVS? What topics would you like to have as presentations at club meetings? Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm!

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\$1,285,000

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\$925,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986338

VIEWS IN ALL DIRECTIONS Located just off the Valley floor on 4.29 acres. 3 BDRM/2.5 BA downstairs office or playroom. Upstairs in the master bath you will find a large jetted tub and separate shower. The large master closet is a dream! with enough room to create a separate working space if needed!

\$399,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986231

LOCATION, LOCATION! This 3 bd, 2.5 bath home sit on 1.48 acres with views of the Valley and Foothills. Ready to add your own style and finishing touches. This country charmer features 2006 sq ft of living space, cozy fireplace, attached two car garage, and a detached garage/ workshop.

\$423,900

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986003

UNIQUE THREE STORY HOME is located in a quiet neighborhood on a Cul-de-sac. Multiple balconies. 3 BDRM, 3 BA, office/bonus room and a large game room on the first floor, as well as a sunroom with access to the outdoor gazebo. Wood burning stove located on the second level.

\$685,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9985951

WHAT A GREAT PRICE! Owners have painted the interior, remodeled cabinets, replaced countertops and flooring, and added all new light fixtures. Also replaced faucets and made the lower level into a master suite with an open walk-in closet and an office. The roof and septic tank were replaced in 2021.

\$385,000

STALLION SPRINGS



#9986038

BEAUTIFUL HOME FULL OF CHARM AND ELEGANCE 4BD/5BA + office and media / home theater 5,615 square foot home is open and spacious creating a bright and airy feeling throughout. 22' ceilings in the living room, gorgeous fireplace, custom built-ins, travertine tile. Gourmet kitchen. 3 car attached garage with workshop area, complete with covered patio, raised garden beds, walkways and lighting.

\$970,000



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TEHACHAPI CITY



#9986456

ABSOLUTELY HIGH END built by Clayton...includes many upgrades! 3 BDRM/2 BA 1456 Sqft. Situated in the desirable Mtn Aire Estates...senior living at its finest. Just walking up to the front door you'll be impressed with the creative patterned composite decking. A covered deck, plus a covered rear yard.

\$189,900



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BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986437

PENDING!

YOU'LL LOVE THIS charming 3 BDRM, 1 3/4 BA, 1552 sq ft split wing home, located on the Bear Valley Springs golf course. New laminate flooring, vaulted ceilings, dual pane windows and a two-car garage. Seller has also upgraded some faucets, toilets and light fixtures. The floor to ceiling windows in the living room allow an endless amount of natural light and breathtaking mountain views.

\$349,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986186

PENDING!

EXCEPTIONAL LUXURY LIVING 6-Bedrooms, plus Office, 5-Bathrooms ~ 5,369 Sq.Ft. ~ 6+ Acres ~ Theatre Room ~ Art Studio. Stunning custom-built home is situated on a noteworthy 6+ acre view lot with fantastic unobstructed views overlooking Sycamore canyon with seasonal stream and beyond to the San Joaquin Valley.

\$1,175,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9985268

PENDING!

CONDO WITH SWEEPING VIEW of the lake from the back patio. Check out this up to date 3 BDRM, 2 BATH condo including flooring, granite counter tops, kitchen cabinets and so much more. The main level features an open floor plan complete with tile floors, vaulted ceiling, fire place and French doors leading out the patio.

\$279,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986390

SOLD!

LOCATED ON THE VALLEY FLOOR!! 3/2, plus office, 1846 sqft. home sits on over an acre of Oak studded property. The home features a spacious kitchen with Knotty Alder cabinets, granite counter tops, beautiful backsplash, large walk-in pantry and stainless steel appliances. The dining area opens up to the living room, perfect for entertaining.

\$475,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986389

SOLD!

SO MUCH POTENTIAL! Custom built in 1973, this one-of-a-kind classic valley floor home with horse facilities is located on a lush, park-like 1.59 acres! Spacious 3 bedrooms (enormous master suite), 3.25 baths. Wonderful tree-lined horse coral with tack room. Generous Chef's Kitchen, with flowing floorplan to the Dining and Living rooms.

\$375,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9985347

SOLD!

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING HOME Simply put, words cannot describe how incredibly beautiful this property is! This gorgeous home is positioned perfectly on a spectacular hillside view lot overlooking the beautiful San Joaquin Valley. Simply Elegant...Offering a perfect blend of luxury design elements, technology, privacy and nature.

\$515,000

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS



#9986014

SOLD!

TURN-KEY, HIGHLY DESIRABLE CONDO spacious 2 story condo has a fully remodeled kitchen with Craftsman Cabinets with beveled glass fronts, soft closing drawers, stainless steel appliances, farm sink, granite counter tops with beautiful herringbone backsplash, a large area for food prepping and breakfast bar.

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George R. Dome

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PRICED AT
\$590,000

Brand new home built by Warne Construction and A. Klinker. Features include a split wing design, the kitchen counters are high grade Calacatta quartz, stainless steel appliances and a walk-in pantry! This home features 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. It is a must see with spectacular views overlooking Bear Valley Springs. Featuring an easily accessible driveway with plenty of room to park an RV. You are minutes from the Country Market and the Whiting Center. MLS #9986515



Maggie Schick

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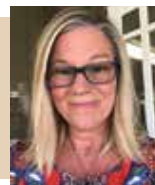
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New Year!**

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| SAT: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM | | | | | |
| SUN: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM | | | | | |
| Month January 2023 | | | | | |
| Day | TIMES | ACTIVITIES | AGE | FEE | INSTRUCTOR |
| M O N | 5:30 AM- 8:45 PM | WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | NO INSTRUCTOR |
| | 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES | ALL | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR | |
| | 8:00 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 AM - 2:00 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 | RHONDA ARBOLANTE |
| | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | LQAC MEETING (GREEN RM) FIRST MONDAY | ADULT | BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE | FRED HICKS |
| | 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| T U E S | 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM | INLINE HOCKEY PRACTICE (DATES TBD) | TEAM MBR | TEAM FEES APPLY | HOCKEY LEAGUE |
| | 5:30 AM-8:45 PM | WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | NO INSTRUCTOR |
| | 6:00 AM-8:00 AM | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES | ALL | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR | |
| | 8:00 AM-10:30 AM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| | 8:00 AM-11:00 AM | BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM) | ADULT | BV STEPPERS | LORA SCHROCK |
| | 8:30-11:30AM | WATER THERAPY | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW | MARTI SPRINKLE |
| | 10:30 AM-11:20 PM | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES | ALL | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR | |
| | 1:00 PM-2:00 PM | REHAB EXERCISE (GREEN RM) | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | ANDI HICKS |
| W E D | 11:20 AM - 4:15 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| | 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM | INLINE HOCKEY PRACTICE (DATES TBD) | TEAM MBR | TEAM FEES APPLY | HOCKEY LEAGUE |
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| | 8:00 AM-9:00 AM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | BVS ASTRONOMY CLUB BOARD (GREEN ROOM) | ADULT | BOARD MTG: WED BEFORE 1ST MON | CLAUDE PLYMATE |
| | 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 ROOM) | ADULT | RAC STAFF | KIMBERLY CLOW |
| T H U R S | 12:00 PM-2:00 PM | PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM) | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | RHONDA ARBOLANTE |
| | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF CLUB MTG (GREEN ROOM) | ADULT | OTMGC - 2ND WED | MARK POINDEXTER |
| | 2:00 PM - 4:15 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW | STAFF |
| | 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM | INLINE HOCKEY PRACTICE (DATES TBD) | TEAM MBR | TEAM FEES APPLY | HOCKEY LEAGUE |
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| | 8:30 AM-11:30 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 JANUARY | BILL SNOW |
| F R I | 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
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| | 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM | MUSIC / KEYBOARD CLASS (GREEN RM) | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | TASHA MCJUNKIN |
| | 9:15 AM-10:30 AM | SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES | ALL | SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR | |
| S A T | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| | 12:00 PM-2:00 PM | PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM) | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | RHONDA ARBOLANTE |
| | 2:15 PM - 4:15 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW | STAFF |
| | 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM | INLINE HOCKEY PRACTICE (DATES TBD) | TEAM MBR | TEAM FEES APPLY | HOCKEY LEAGUE |
| | 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 |
| | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM | VETS BINGO 1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH | ADULT | GAME CHARGES | JED HANNON |
| | 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM | OPEN GYMNASIUM EXCEPT DURING BINGO | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW | STAFF |
| 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 SKATE (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 (GAME RM) | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY BELOW | VOLUNTEER LEADER |
| | 3:10 PM - 7:00 PM | OPEN BASKETBALL CT | ALL | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | STAFF |
| | 2:00 PM-3:00 PM | RC CLUB MEETING (GYMNASIUM) 2ND SUN | ADULT | GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW | DAN MASON |

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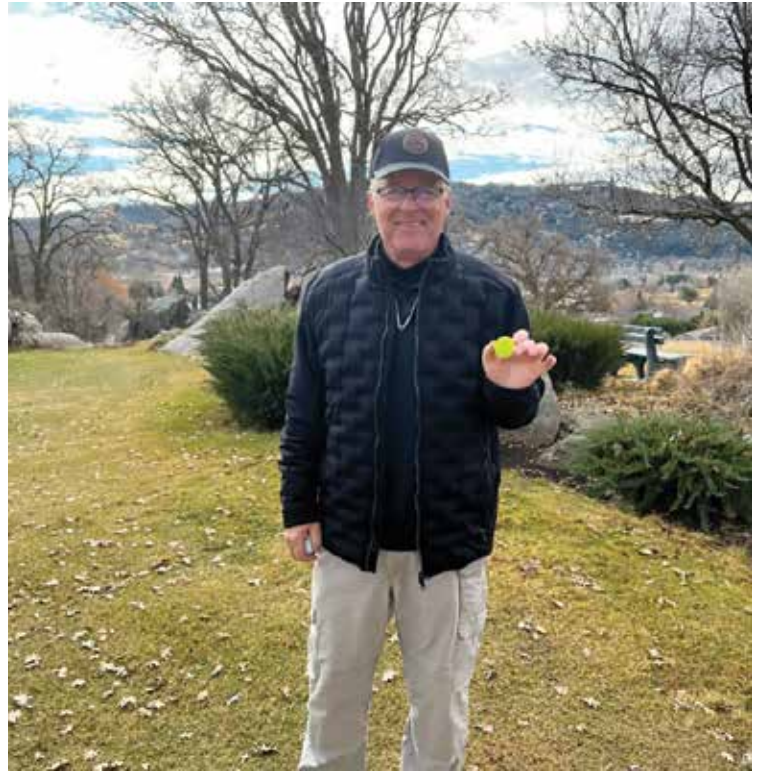
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our amenities and through our gate will be only for members, residents, and their guests. The software, printer, and initial purchase of cards were paid for out of reserve funds.

The BVSA is planning a grace period for those who have not received new cards at amenities. Our target date when we will no longer accept old cards is April 1st.

New RecDesk Software

I am pleased to announce that recreation programs through the Whiting Center have finally moved online! You will now be able to register for programs, facility reservations, guest passes and team memberships from the comfort of your own home. If you or a member of your household plan on utilizing these recreational amenities or signing up for an athletic

program in the future, we ask you to go online to bvsa.recdesk.com and "Create an Account." Once you add yourself, you can add additional family members utilizing entered information. It is important to fill out a registration for each member of the household since some programs have age restrictions. Taking a few minutes to complete the process now will save time later when you

want to participate in our many programs. If you have questions about RecDesk, feel free to call the Whiting Center at 661-821-6641.

Easy New Year's Resolutions

Want some easily achievable New Year's Resolutions? Include picking up new amenity cards and signing up for RecDesk on your list and you are sure to start 2023 off on the right foot! 🐾

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and preemergence. 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 suitable

for the site and will grow well.

Success depends upon all property owners striving to get this invasive species under control. The BVCSD 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.

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 am and 4:30 pm. 🐾

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Bear Valley Tailwaggers offered 'A Portrait with Pups & Santa'

The angels were with the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club on Sunday, Dec. 4 when they held the Portrait with Pups & Santa Fundraiser event to benefit Have A Heart Humane Society. The organizers were afraid no one would show up due to the foggy weather and they would have to cancel the event. BUT, 15 minutes before the event was to begin, the fog lifted! The event went off without a hitch.

Professional portraits were taken of dogs with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus with all proceeds going to fund the SNIP Bus (low cost spay and neuter service) sponsored by Have A Heart Humane Society.

This year, and the next, the Tailwaggers Dog Club is fo-

cusing on helping our community's dog rescues. The top goal of rescues is to provide low-cost vaccinations and spay/neuter programs. Tailwaggers has taken on the task of helping them raise money in order to provide this service. To bring a SNIP bus (a low cost spay and neuter service) to Tehachapi it will cost approximately \$7,000 to spay or neuter 45-50 dogs. We have raised approximately \$3,000 to date.

When the number of puppies born are fewer, rescues can focus on helping those already in the shelters and at rescues find good homes. In just our two Bakersfield Shelters, it was reported that in November of this year, 201



dogs were put down, 47 being puppies under the age of 5 months old. These two shelters took in 754 dogs and 263 under the age of 5 months, and there are 447 left to be rescued or put down.

If you missed coming to our



Portrait with Pups & Santa Fundraiser, you can help with a donation. The dogs who need a home deserve a chance at a good life! You can be the

Happy New Year!

BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club

ANOTHER MILESTONE:
Happy Birthday Tailwaggers!!! It was official in December that for 5 years we have been an established BVS Club! We have come a long way from our humble beginnings.

THANK YOU
each and everyone of our valued Tailwaggers members and BVS community friends for supporting us through the ups, downs and fast growth of our club.
It's because of YOU, our very generous members and friends, that we are who we are today!
Happy New Year to all and may this New Year, 2023, be filled with love, laughter, joy and peace for all living beings on earth!

Contact Pam Miller, for questions at 661-203-5725

Herbie says, "Happy New Year from all the Tailwaggers dogs!"

one to help them get a good home by making a donation now to the Tailwaggers "Care For Me" rescue division.

Mark your donation "For the SNIP Bus."

Make your check out to BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club or if you wish it to be a tax-deductible donation, make it out to Have a Heart Humane

Society.

Mail it to: 29800 Jamaica Dunes Dr., Tehachapi, CA 93561

Thanks in advance from the Tailwaggers "Care for Me" rescue division.

For more information, call or text 661-203-5725, or email Tailwaggersinbvs@gmail.com. 🐾

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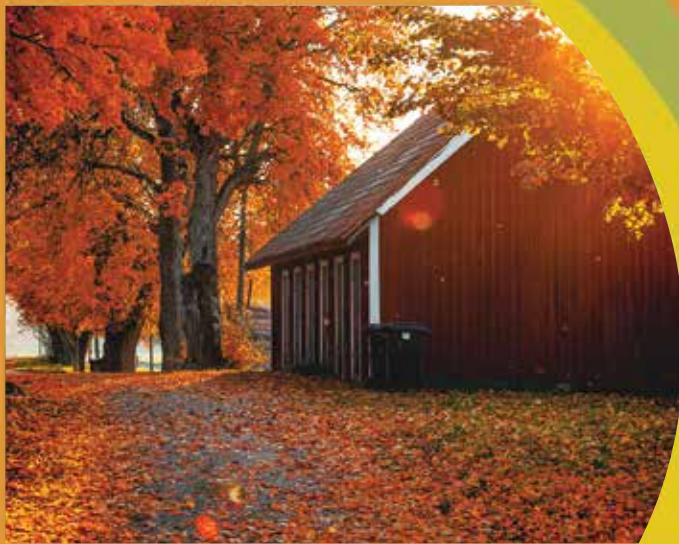
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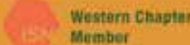
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Make a Plan



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.

Bear Valley Springs Wildlife Coalition holds logo design competition

The Bear Valley Springs Wildlife Coalition, a BVS recognized club, has had a very successful year in 2022, with events and presentations

ranging in topic from snakes, to the 3,000 acre purchase on Bear Mountain by the Frank and Joan Randall Preserve, to a presentation by Fish and

Wildlife. The WLC is looking forward with excitement to having a full slate of varied interesting, educational conservation events and presen-

tations in the coming year.

To launch next year off to a flying start, the WLC is having a competition to find a logo which encapsulates the spirit of the organization. BVS has many talented residents, and the WLC wants to offer them the opportunity to use their artistic and creative abilities to support our conservation efforts.

BVS residents are invited to design a logo to be the organization's 'face' and visually communicate its aims, objectives and values. So, bring out your pens, pencils, paints, put your artistic berets on, and start designing! For competition rules and further information, check out the BVS WC - Wildlife Coalition Facebook page or email: bvswildlifecoalition@gmail.com

Come and join us at the WLC club meeting on Jan. 18 (rain/snow date Jan. 25), at 6 p.m. at the OTCC, when the entries for the logo competition will be voted on by the members present. Members and non-members welcome!

The Board will be revealing plans for our initiatives for the year. We will also be asking for suggestions, ideas and input from you – the residents of BVS. What would you like to see the WLC work on to help keep the unique environment and wildlife of BVS safe? Do you have ideas on how to protect the wild animals who live in BVS? What topics would you like to have as presentations at club meetings? Bring your suggestions and your enthusiasm! 🐾

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS WILDLIFE COALITION

LOGO CONTEST

NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

BVS Wildlife Coalition is inviting YOU, our artistic and talented residents to submit creative concepts for a brand identity - a design that will become the coalition's face to the community. The logo should visually communicate our mission and values.

The mission of the Bear Valley Wildlife Coalition is to promote a community that lives in harmony with nature by protecting and preserving BVS wildlife and their habitat.

CONTEST RULES

The Bear Valley Springs Wildlife Coalition (BVS WLC) is seeking creative concepts for a LOGO and is inviting the community to participate through a logo contest! A \$100 gift card will be awarded to the creator of the winning logo! Logos must be submitted electronically and include a release from the creator of the logo to BVSwildlifecoalition@gmail.com by January 13, 2023. BVS WLC members will vote on the winning logo at their meeting on January 18, 2023.

Designs must be submitted in any of the following formats: jpg, tiff, or pdf (if a hard-copy design sketch is submitted, it must be scanned or otherwise rendered into one of the above computer formats and submitted). The logo can be color or produced in black and white. Contestants are advised to avoid gradients and half-tones. The logo must be easy to use, resize, and manipulate for all reproduction purposes. It should be visually appealing on both small and large scales.

Entrants affirm their submissions are their own original work, have not been copied from others or from previous designs, including their own, and do not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity.

SUBMIT YOUR LOGO TO:

BVSwildlifecoalition@gmail.com

Elk Damage Report for Nov. 2022

Submitted by
Brandon Haynes
Golf Maintenance Manager

The elk that are out on the golf course and around the valley are very beautiful animals to look at and even take some pictures of. These elk have been roaming the Bear Valley Springs area since the early 1970s. The Rocky Mountain elk were originally part of a hunting ranch and breached through a fence line. They have now spread out as far as the Golden Hills area, Brite Lake area, and over to Stallion Springs. I do not have exact numbers on how many elk are located in Bear Valley, but personally, I have counted 22 bull elk down on the golf course.

Early this year, we counted 72 cows up near the gun range. The bull elk that are roaming, grazing, and sleeping on the



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valley floor are mostly made up of the younger males and a few older males that have not yet joined the herd or lost their dominance amongst their harem. These elk have become very comfortable with the golf course and surrounding areas for grazing and sleeping.

While they are an amazing sight to look at and golf around, they have been causing some very serious damage

to the golf course. Every golf green has damage of some kind on it, with the exception of the putting green. Some greens are much worse than others, but regardless, it takes many labor hours to keep up with the repairs needed. We have been top dressing, mending and rolling the greens to help keep them playable. Wintertime temperatures are preventing the greens

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Bear Valley Dressage Club plans for 2023

Submitted by
**Bear Valley Springs
Dressage Club**

As the weather cools, the skies darken, and Bear Valley Springs residents plan for the coming holiday season, the equestrians in our valley are keeping active enjoying our world-class equestrian center and extensive equestrian trails. They take advantage of inclement weather by enjoying the covered arena, grooming their critters, or cleaning their tack.

Bear Valley Springs Dressage Club (BVSDC) members are looking forward to the 2023 show season. Our devoted and hard-working Past-President and Show Manager, Janice Polletta, has already secured dates for our 2023 shows and clinics. Mark your calendars: May 21 – Spring Mountain Dressage; June 25 – Mountain Solstice Dressage; July 23 – Mid-Summer Dressage; August 26 – Cool Mountain Dressage. We hope you will be joining us as a competitor, but if not, please stop by to meet our members and friends and to enjoy watching our riders and their trusty equestrian companions compete.

We are looking forward also to our Cavaletti Clinic on May 6 and 7. If you're not familiar with this exercise, cavaletti are low jumps made of wood and set up at specific distances depending on the gait. The jumps

are set about 12 inches above the ground, so all breeds and disciplines can benefit. The rider guides the horse over the low jumps, focusing on keeping the horse balanced and forward. Using cavaletti helps the horse

develop strength, suppleness, and self-carriage. Cavaletti training keeps both horse and rider challenged and focused and is a very enjoyable complement to flat work. This clinic is open to all, so please join us on May 6 and 7.

BVSDC now has an excellent way to keep up to date and in

touch: our new website, courtesy of our Vice President and webmaster, Crystal Taylor. The address is BVSDC.org. You can use the website to keep track of upcoming meetings, shows, and clinics, communicate with the club, and see photos of past events.

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be offering events in early 2023, we will have some news and stories to share, so please look for our next update in *Bear Tracks!* 🐾

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from healing, so the repaired areas are still very fragile and the ground is frozen, so it prevents us from plugging the worst areas as we would during the warm season.

The bunkers are also being damaged, especially around the greens. Bunker edges are getting stepped on and collapsing under the elks' weight. The bunker edges are made up of some native soil, turf roots and mostly blow sand. They can hold up to human foot traffic and heavy mowers, but not the elk. These edges will have to be dug out, replaced with native soil, compacted and then seeded. There have been 12 trees that have been destroyed on the course and only half have been replaced. Lack of water has prevented new trees from being planted.

The crew has spent countless hours fixing the smaller items that need attending, including replacing downed ropes for cart traffic, picking up downed tree branches, collecting elk droppings and many other smaller of areas of damage.

We have seen some members feeding the wildlife, on and off the golf course. We have found food items, such as heads of lettuce, apples, and pumpkins, along the property line of the golf course. There have also been a few times when vehicles have driven onto the golf course, driving range, park grassed areas and the baseball fields to better view the elk.

We would like to ask that both members and guests please refrain from these types of activities. Please enjoy the wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed them. Golf maintenance will continue to work hard to keep the golf course in the best possible condition for play. 🐾

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