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Bear Valley Springs: A common interest development

First of all, a hearty welcome to all you newcomers to the Bear Valley Springs community. In recent weeks, we have experienced an influx of new owners and tenants into the community. Our community is unique, as we are a common interest development home owner's association. A very brief explanation of this just

means, we, as owners, have a right to use and enjoyment of the common grounds and amenities.

It has been brought to the attention of the association staff that people are placing items on picnic tables and other areas early in the week-end mornings, in an effort to reserve that area for later in

the day use. Some items like ice chests, chairs and towels, have sat unattended for hours until the someone shows up to claim that spot. This practice precludes other members from being able to utilize that section, table or area, for several hours, before the other party arrives.

As an association, we have certain rules and policies in place to protect the member rights and to maintain availability of the amenities for all members. In recent weeks, we have had an increase in

the number of folks using the common areas at the lakes. I want to remind members that you are welcome to reserve a spot, i.e.: picnic table(s) or a specific area, by contacting the Whiting Center at 821-6641 and making those reservations. We ask that everyone be mindful of the entire community, that we are all sharing the same amenities, and that we be respectful of one another's rights and property.

The BVSA Rangers will be checking for amenity cards

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Four Island Lake fishery update

Submitted by

Fred Hicks

**Lake Quality Advisory
Committee Chair (LQAC)**

The Lake Quality Advisory Committee is happy to announce that Four Island Lake was restocked with Fish on June 29. While there is still an abundance of Bullhead catfish present within the lake, the ongoing removal efforts are making a significant difference. From May of 2022 through June 17 of 2023, more than 24,000 pounds of fish were removed from Four Island. From June 17, through the day that I am writing this on July 9, more than 3,500 pounds of juvenile Bullheads have been removed. Just for reference, this equates

to approximately 3,300,000 juvenile bullheads removed in less than three weeks. The reason we have so many juvenile Bullheads this year is because there are very few adult fish present within the lake to prey upon them. To correct this problem, the LQAC decided to move forward with stocking 2,850 Florida-strain Largemouth Bass between 3 and 5 inches. These Largemouth Bass are big enough to eat juvenile Bullheads. As the bass grow, reproduce, and prey upon the juvenile Bullheads, they will help to establish a more balanced ecosystem within the lake. The LQAC anticipates the bass should reach 10-12" by the end of this year and will begin reproducing within the Four Island Lake next season.



In addition to the 2,850 Florida-strain Largemouth Bass which were stocked, 2,100 Broodstock (adult) Bluegills, and 1,094 Redear Sunfish were

also stocked within Four Island Lake. The Bluegill will be able to reproduce throughout this summer and the Redear sunfish will be able to spawn next



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spring. The Bluegills can grow to be over 12 inches in length and the Redear Sunfish can grow up to 17 inches long and weigh more than 6 pounds. These panfish, along with Golden Shiners and Mosquito Fish currently within the lake, are intended to be the base of Four Island Lake's food chain.

These fish will provide a sufficient forage base for the Crappie and Largemouth Bass as we move into the future. Bullhead catfish population reduction efforts will continue until the Largemouth Bass population is large enough to naturally keep the Bullheads in check. As chair of the LQAC, I would like to thank the donors that contributed additional funds which allowed Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) to purchase an additional \$2,500 worth of Largemouth Bass over and above what we had budgeted for. This allowed BVSA to order and receive an additional

500 five-inch Largemouth Bass.

The LQAC anticipates that by the spring of 2025, Four Island Lake should provide a fun family fishing experience for Bluegills, Largemouth Bass, and Redear Sunfish. Until then, Cub Lake is fishing extremely well for Panfish, and Largemouth Bass. The trick is to use a small size 6 or 8 hook baited with a piece of nightcrawler or worm, with very little weight, 18" to 36" under a bobber.



Current harvest regulations are Bullheads and Crappies are unlimited harvest, with no size limits. All other fish are catch and release only. If you are not sure what you've caught, the accompanying QR code will take you to a document explaining and illustrating the fish within the Bear Valley Lakes. Please remember to pick up your trash and place it in an appropriate receptacle when you are done fishing for the day. 🐾



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The vibrant heart of our community is each of you, our cherished residents. One of the exceptional events that celebrates this heart, fortifying our communal bonds and unity, is the National Night Out. This remarkable annual campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with the noble goal of making our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out is not just about neighborhood watch programs and safety presentations, though they form part of the fabric. At

its core, this event is about strengthening our community bonds, fostering relationships, and enhancing interactions between residents and law enforcement agencies. It's an evening of togetherness that rekindles the true sense of community, casting a glow of unity and warmth.

We know this article comes with short notice, yet we invite you to join your neighbors this

evening for National Night Out at Cub Lake. Starting in the late afternoon, this is an opportunity to engage with one another and our Bear Valley PD and VIPS in a joyful, welcoming setting.

Though we do not have a finalized list of activities at this writing, if past events serve as a guide, you can anticipate a memorable evening filled with family movies under the stars, dancing, local bands, and an array of kid-oriented events that bring joy to our youngest residents.

It's always a beautiful sight to see our community come together, neighbors chatting, children playing, and everyone enjoying a peaceful summer night. It is a testament to

the strength, unity, and spirit of Bear Valley Springs. Moreover, it offers a chance to interact with our local law enforcement officers in a friendly, casual environment, facilitating stronger partnerships.

Bear Valley Springs: Let's come together once again to make this National Night Out a special one. Be there to enjoy the simple pleasure of being a part of this wonderful community, to show appreciation for each other, and to stand united in our shared goal of creating a safer, more caring neighborhood.

We look forward to celebrating with you at Cub Lake this evening.

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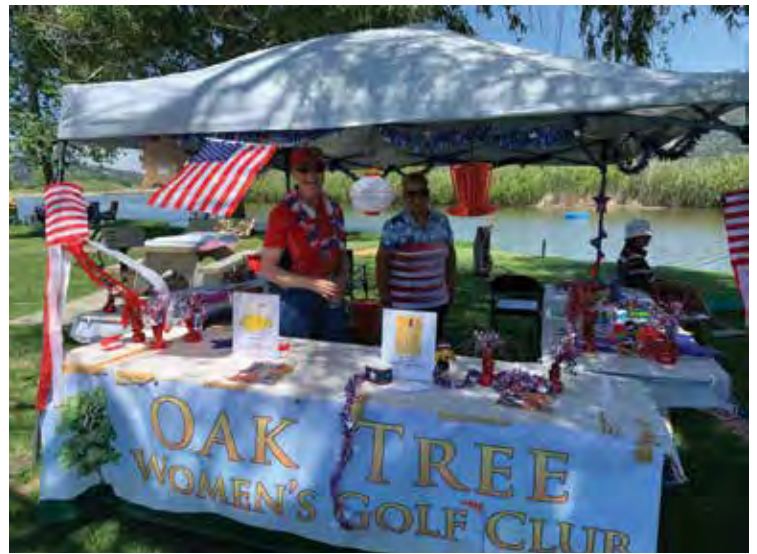
During the annual July 4th celebration at Cub Lake, the Oak Tree Women's Golf Club set up their Pitch and Putt booth on the edge of Cub Lake, as usual. And, as usual, the community stopped by and tried their luck at hitting floating golf balls into a kiddie pool secured in the lake. In addition, they provided a putting contest, giving younger kids and those not wanting the challenge of chipping, a chance to win something, as well.

Those wishing to try the chipping paid \$2 for three balls. For each ball chipped into the pool, the person won a sleeve of new golf balls. Each sleeve contained three balls. If the person happened to hit the pool, but didn't get the ball in it, they were given one new ball. For the putting contest, each person paid \$1 for



three balls. For the kids, each ball putted into the cup allowed them to choose a prize.

As in past years, Mel Beck set up a special chipping contest that helped earn money for the ladies' golf club. Each contestant paid \$15 for 15 balls. A



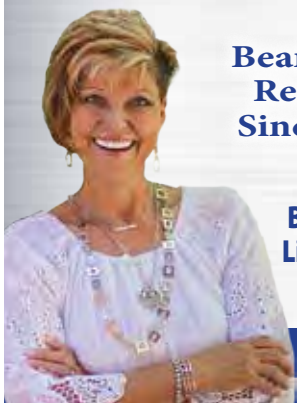
cumulative total was kept of the number of balls the person chipped into the pool during the two days. The person could try as many times as he/she liked, as long as they paid \$15 for another 15 balls. There was a side pot set up, as well, costing each contestant a one-time fee \$20. Of the money collected, the \$15 payments went to the ladies' golf club, while the total amount of \$20 entries went to

the contest winner.

The booth ran both Saturday and Sunday, July 1-2. At the end of the day on Sunday, the ladies' golf club had raised more than \$1,300. A large chunk of that was earned from Mel's special contest. The winner of the 15 for \$15 contest was Rob Saranpa and he and Mel split the side pot. The ladies' golf club wishes to thank Mel Beck for his help in raising funds for the club. 🐾

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Bear Valley Police: That text can wait

When we talk about distracted driving, we generally talk about anything that can divert attention from the road. But, by a large margin, cell phone use has shown to be the leading cause of distractions that cause accidents. Most everyone knows that it is illegal to use a cell phone without a hands-free device in California while driving (with exceptions for calls to law enforcement, the fire department, or other emergency services). Indeed, most are aware the law prohibits texting while driving.

Most everyone knows, but sometimes it seems not everyone cares. Look left, or right next time you're stopped at a red light, and you'll routinely see folks violating these laws. We all know what it usually means when that car in front of you fails to proceed when the light turns green.

Perhaps some do not realize that drivers are 23 times more likely to be in an accident if they are texting and driving.¹ According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, motorists reading or sending texts take their

eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. At 55 mph, you have just covered the length of a football field, totally blinded by what is in front of you.

Some rationalize they have special multi-tasking skills and excellent peripheral vision. Unfortunately, there is no skill involved. It is carelessness and complacency and will eventually turn around and bite you.

In 2018, distracted driving-related accidents killed 2,841 people in the U.S. Among those killed include 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedes-

trians, and 77 bicyclists. Many of these accidents were related to the use of cell phones.²

If helping to save lives by making calls using hands-free devices and refraining from reading or writing emails or text messages does not convince someone to change behavior, the first violation starts at \$162.

That text can wait. So can the phone call.

1 https://www.chp.ca.gov/CommunityOutreachAndMediaRelationsSite/Documents/distracted_driving.pdf

2 <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

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- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Deanna Hurst - deannahurst10@yahoo.com. 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
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- **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 Mustaffa @ 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** - For Information Call President, Mark Poindexter at (805) 320-9444. The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Wednesday before a tournament or the second Wednesday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 8:00 am in the Mulligan Room.

• **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: joyw2121@icloud.com.

• **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.

• **PONY CLUB** - The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.

• **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 Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818-961-4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.

• **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.

• **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

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) - Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.

• **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.

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• **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.

• **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641

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Oak Tree Ladies' Golf Club Eclectic Tournament winners announced

Submitted by
Diane Griffin
OTCC Ladies Golf Club

Oak Tree Country Club Women's Golf Club held its annual Eclectic Tournament on July 13 and 14. This is always a fun tournament, since the second day of play allows each player to improve her score on each hole from the first day of play. There were two flights for the 18-hole players and one flight of 9-holers. Awards were presented to the 18-hole and 9-hole players who improved their score the most.

The Most Improved Player for the 18-holers was awarded to Margie Underwood. She improved her score by 14 strokes. For the 9-holers, Eva Lance took the Most Improved hon-



The players gathered for a picture prior to starting the tournament.

or by improving her score by 8 strokes.

In the first flight of 18-holers, with a score of 83. Low Net
Tammy Gore won Low Gross

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18-Hole winners, left to right, Alice Juckes, Tammy Gore, Tournament Chair Kitty Bower, Joy Webber, Jeannette Develin, Bridget McGowan and Tammy Gore.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14 low score of 63. For the second flight, Low Gross was won by went to Joy Webber with her Bridget McGowan with a 93,

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9-Hole winners, Eva Lance and Deanna Hurst.

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To contact Rocco, go to

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Tailwaggers, contact Pam Miller at

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while Jeannette Devlin took Low Net with her score of 70.

In the flight of 9-holers, Deanna Hurst shot a 62 to take Low Gross honors. Low Net was won by Eva Lance with a score of 39.

The Tournament Chair, Kitty Bower, presented award certificates to all the winners at the luncheon afterwards at the home of Joy and Ric Webber. Monetary awards will be given out at the annual awards luncheon at the end of the year. The club wishes to thank Joy and Ric for opening their home and preparing the wonderful BBQ lunch. We also wish to thank the other club members who provided side dishes and dessert. 🐾

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and reservations now that we are midway through our summer, as well as providing education and information to keep our community safe and available for all members. We are all in this beautiful community together, so let's all do our best to keep it that wonderful place where we live and play!

Thank you, from the Association staff. 🐾

Off-season swimming and water aerobics

One of the newest clubs in Bear Valley Springs is the Bear Valley Aquatics Club. Although the formation of the club is new, the off-season swimming collaboration and training is not new. More than 15 years ago, BVSA Board opened up off-season swimming to those who went through orientation, agreed to maintain the pool, and follow specific off-season rules, including signed liability forms. This off-season swimming group covers and uncovers the pool, cleans the baskets, sweeps the pool deck, and verifies that only trained people use the pool from September to May. Prior to this innovative collaboration, the pool was covered, partially drained and unused during some of the best swimming times of the year. Immediately after the off-season swimming began, BVSA maintenance shared how much better the pool weathered the winter because the pumps and heater performed needed less maintenance when they were actually

left running during those inclement weather months. So, it was a win-win collaboration.

Why do people get wet in the cold of winter?

Swimming is a winter sport that all levels of athletes can use. Regardless of the temperature you can swim; this only adds character to those enjoying the pool (imagine biking or running in the rain and snow). Pool activities are appropriate for people recovering from surgery, dealing with health issues, and training for competitive events throughout winter months and not just in the summer.

Swimming and water aerobics are physiologically unique in many ways. Swimming is the one sport that takes place within a medium providing resistance for every movement. Swimming occurs in a prone position, meaning your brain and heart are in-line as you exercise. Instead of your heart pumping against gravity, your entire body is oxygenated. Swimming is contact free and impact free,

improving joint, respiratory, and cardiovascular health.

Many people have joined off-season swimming to train for Triathlons, Ironman, swimming events and open water races. In the 2022-23 BV Aquatics off-season, we had people qualify and medal in the USA National Master's Swimming Competitions, in a variety of Triathlons around the country and in open-water distance swims in Turks and Caicos, Mexico and Fiji.

How can you join this group of health-conscious year-round water enthusiasts?

The first step is to attend a one-hour orientation meeting. These orientations are currently scheduled for Saturdays on Aug. 12, 19, and 26, and Wednesdays on Aug. 16, 23, and 30. They occur at 8:15 and 9 a.m. on each date. Check the BVSA web page for additional information.

This year, the BVSA Board has made some changes, which is why we became a club. The dues for the club will pay for liability

insurance (\$30 for a single person and \$40 for a family membership).

The group has been contributing to the cost of gas for heating the pool since last year. Now, as a club, we have a specific bill we must pay to the BVSA, which is a \$120 fee, per person, for the entire off-season privilege.

These funds (dues and fees) must be paid prior to the orientation and can be left in a lock box in the lifeguard station at the pool.

Join the "group me" app, which allows us to communicate swim times and other important announcements. We can help uploading app to your phones at the orientation.

Attend the first meeting of the upcoming off-season of the BV Aquatics Club on October 7. Call 661 747-0986 if you have questions.

The group helps new swimmers learn skills and encourages training for those with competition goals. Join us this next off-season. 🐾

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Pollinators and native plants important to valley

Submitted by
Caroline Moranda
Contributing Writer



There has been a lot of news lately about the importance of native plants and pollinators and the fact that they are disappearing at an alarming rate around the globe. Why are they so important and what can we do to help increase their numbers?

Pollinators are needed in 90% of all flowering plants: bees, butterflies, moths and flies. All insects have evolved with the native plants that are present in any food web. They have developed very specialized relationships.

There are 1,600 species of native bees in California alone. They can use the nectar from any plant for energy to fly, but they need the pollen from the specific native plant that they have evolved with. The pollen

is where they get protein and other nutrients for themselves and for their young. Native bees nest in old wood and underground.

The same is true for butterflies. The nectar from any flower will fuel their flight. Although they do not eat the pollen, they lay eggs on their host plant because the larvae need to eat that specific plant. Think about the relationship between Monarch butterflies and milkweed.

We don't usually think about moths being important pollina-

tors, but in fact they outnumber butterflies about 7 to 1. Worldwide there are 140,000 species of moths compared to 20,000 species of butterflies. Moths are also host plant specialists. To help moths survive, turn off lights at night or change to a yellow bulb.

Birds are not pollinators, but the health of the bird population indicates the health of the food web in an ecosystem. Birds need 6,000 to 10,000 caterpillars to raise a clutch of babies to fledge. All those caterpillars come predominately from butterflies and moths. Caterpillars transfer more energy from plants to animals than any other plant eaters.

We can help our local food web by planting and encouraging native plants. Five percent of native plants provide 75% of the necessary caterpillars. These are called keystone plants. They are, oaks, willows, birches, cot-

tonwoods, asters, goldenrod, sunflowers, and in Bear Valley Springs, lupine and sagebrush. Oaks alone support 950 species of caterpillars, as well as gall wasps and acorn weevils, which are important food for birds.

Here are five simple steps to help pollinators: Grow pollinator friendly plants; Change outdoor lights to yellow; Provide nest sites; Avoid pesticides; Spread the word.

The newly reinvigorated Water Wise Garden by the CSD office is a great resource for ideas of which plants grow well here. Another resource is calscape.org, the California Native Plant Society website. Enter your address to find the plants that are native to your location and which nurseries carry them. HIGHCOUNTRYGARDENS.com is a catalogue that carries organically grown native plants. 🐾



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Lap Swim	6:00am	8:00am
Swim Team (fee required)	8:00 am	9:30 am
Aerobics (fee required)	9:45am	11:00am
Swim Lessons (fee required)	11:20 am	12:20pm
Open Swim	12:30pm	6:50pm
Lap Swim	7:00pm	8:00pm
*NO evening lap swim Friday and Saturday evenings.		
Sat & Sun & Holidays	FROM	TO
Lap Swim AM	7:00am	9:30am
Private Swim Lessons – (Sat)	9:30am	10:00am
Open Swim – (Sat)	10:10am	8:00pm
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- June 9th (Friday): The pool is now open every day.
- June 24th Adult-only Western Hoe-down 5pm – 8pm

(coverage charge)

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- August 4th (Friday), last weekday the pool is open, and the Last Summer Hurrah! Moana (PG) and late swim (10pm) located poolside.
- September 4th (Monday) Labor Day pool is open during holiday hours
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- DO NOT move the patio furniture!
- Only authorized swimwear that is commercially sold will be allowed in the pool—no cut-off pants or shorts.
- Each member 9 or older must show their Amenity Card at the pool gate.
- Ice chests, coolers, and similar containers shall not be brought into the pool area. However, they can be left outside the gate. (BVSA Rule 1103)
- Bringing alcoholic beverages into the pool area is prohibited.
- **NO SMOKING IN THE POOL AREA: THIS INCLUDES VAPING**
- NO running, horseplay, or roughhousing in the pool area is allowed.
- **NO** flips, twists, or jumping backwards into the pool is allowed.
- **NO** squirt guns, water balloons, hard balls, rafts, recreational type flotation devices, diving into the shallow end, sitting on shoulders, climbing on rocks, or running in the pool area.
- **NO** vulgar or profane language in the pool area.
- A responsible adult must accompany children 13 and under. If they are 14 or older, please bring your children to the gate to ensure they are admitted. (BVSA Rule 1102c).
- A maximum pool capacity of 93 in water will be in effect, with a deck capacity of 150
- Guests will be charged a \$5 guest fee per day AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PROPERTY OWNER. Limit of 3 guests per Track/Lot 13 yrs. old & older. Children 5-12 are \$3; children 4 and under are free. Amenity Passes (without the resident) will **NOT** be honored.
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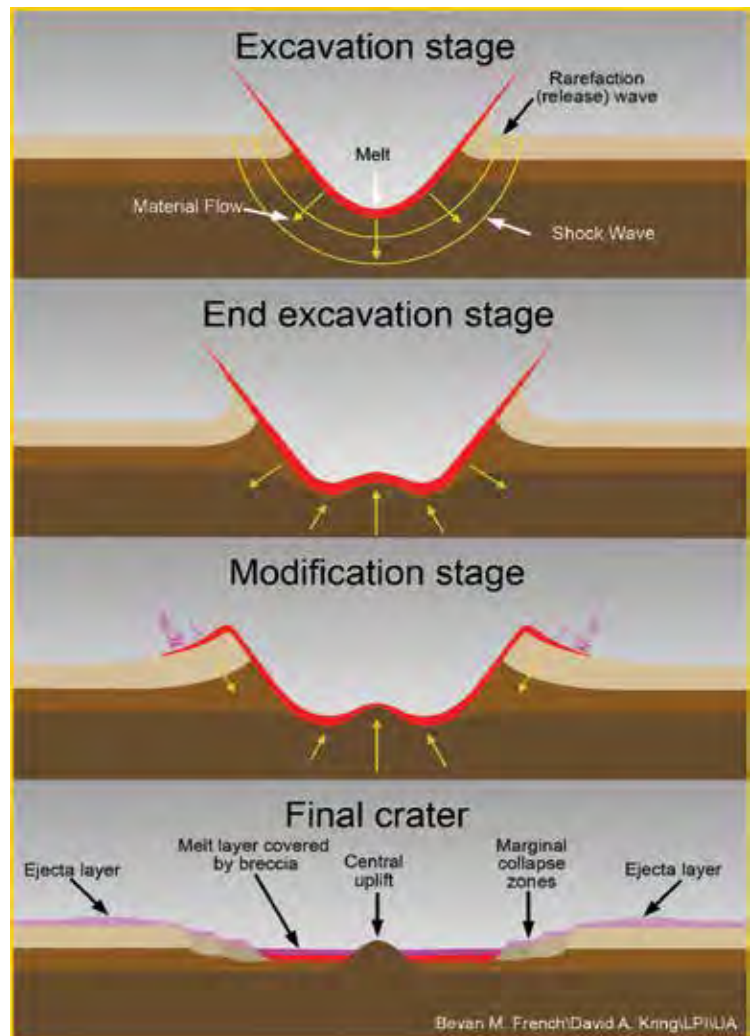
Less than 30 minutes from a corner in Winslow, AZ, there is what is claimed to be the best-preserved meteorite impact crater on earth. Meteor Crater National Landmark measures 3,900 feet in diameter and is 560 feet deep. The impact which created this crater occurred about 50,000 years ago. A nickel-iron meteorite about 160 feet across struck the earth, with a force estimated to be 10 megatons of TNT. Some fragments of the meteorite were found, but most of its mass disintegrated on impact.

Standing on the edge of this breathtaking celestial scar,



which is still preserved on the face of our planet, is exciting, and captures a moment in astronomical time. To view the depth and extent of the impact (no pun intended!) created by this collision of heavenly bodies is to wonder at the power of celestial events.

Gazing into Meteor Crater, one can imagine the scenario as



it unfolded all those thousands of years ago. Watching the blazing fireball that was this giant meteor hurtling the last few hundred meters towards earth and hearing the thunderous roar as it tore the planet's atmosphere asunder, would have been truly stunning. Then, to witness the stupendous power as the meteor crashed tumultuously into the Earth, plowing deep underground into its bowels, liquefying the surrounding geology, would have been stupefyingly overwhelming.

Surely the impact caused the

surrounding ground to shake for miles around, as if some violent earthquake had occurred, or a Krakatoan-sized volcano had erupted. The debris, which would have exploded into the air like some somber firework display with particulate fallout, would have choked the surrounding atmosphere, blocking out the sun, perhaps for days, or even weeks.

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Friday's Schedule: Format is 18 holes of Better Ball. Horse race will be directly after the 1st round on Friday \$20 per man, with the first 12 teams that sign up. *With Parimutuel betting.* Lunch will be provided by the Oak Tree Country Club at approximately 1:30pm on the Golfer's Pavilion.

Saturday's Schedule: Format is 18 holes of scramble with 6 drives per player requirement. Lunch will be provided by the Oak Tree Country Club at approximately 1:30pm on the Golfer's Pavilion, while results are calculated. Dinner will be provided at the Oak Tree Country Club in the Reception Room starting at 6:00 pm, at which time winners will be announced & raffle prizes awarded.

Contests:

- The tournament will be flighted, depending on the number of entries, & multiple net places will be paid in each flight with script & cash prizes.
- Both days will include closest to the hole prizes on hole 11 for a chance to win a prize worth \$100 each day & closest to the line in the fairway drive competition on hole 5 for a chance to win a prize worth \$100 each day.
- A putting competition will take place on the practice putting green during the round on Friday when you are moving from the 9th green to the 1st or 10th tee box for a chance to win a prize worth \$100.
- Raffles tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket & \$20 for 5 tickets for the raffle of donated prizes on Saturday evening.

Refreshments: Beer, water, soda and Gatorade will be available each day from a hosted beverage cart on the course.

Text of Adopted Changes to BVSA Rules
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ARTICLE 3

GENERAL RULES FOR AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

OPERATED BY THE ASSOCIATION

(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 305. USE PRIVILEGE CARDS

(a) The Association will issue Use Privilege Cards to New Members and their ~~families~~ **immediate family, as defined in Art. 3, Sec. 305, par. (a)** upon application and presentation of evidence of eligibility for membership in the form of a recorded grant deed or a currently effective title insurance policy on property within Bear Valley Springs (BVS), a valid State of California Real I.D., a valid State of California Driver's License, **or a recent utility bill showing that the individual(s) listed are the owner(s). On-line applications for a change of address requests from the California Department of Motor Vehicles will not be accepted as proof of residency. Issuance of Use Privilege cards is limited to a family unit living at the same residence. Children over the age of twenty-six years will not be issued amenity cards and will be considered an additional family. Any request for additional cards will be made in writing outlining justification and submitted to the BVSA Board of Directors for review and a response will be made within thirty days of receipt for approval or denial of said request. (amended 4/25/23)**

(b) (1) If more than one person owns a lot or condominium, all of the owners are deemed one Membership, pursuant to Par. 11b (2) of the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs). (2) Pursuant to Art. VII, Sec. 2 of the Association Bylaws, the persons included in the Membership have the right to designate the members of one single family residing together who may use the Community Facilities and Common Areas in BVS. (Amended 11/21/88)

(c) Designation of family members must be made on an application form provided by the Association and is subject to the Association's verification that the information provided by the Membership qualifies the persons designated as family members.

(d) (1) Use Privilege Cards will be issued to the persons designated by the Membership and found to be qualified family members by the Association.

(2) The minor children of parents, who are divorced or separated and who have been awarded their joint physical custody as defined in Family Code Section 3004, are deemed to reside with each parent.

(e) Applications for changes in the designated family and family members may be made to the Association upon surrender of the Use Privilege Cards issued to that Membership. (Amended 1/27/01)

(f) Residences, residential lots, condominiums and condominium lots are intended to be used for residential purposes only. Short-term rentals or leases (less than 6 months in length at any one time) negatively impact Association resources, resulting in undue costs and liability for the Association, and therefore, are disallowed. This includes Air BNB's, VRBO, or any other vacation, weekend, or short term rentals. (Added 10/10/15; Amended 07/10/18)

(g) Members who assign their rights to a tenant must immediately surrender their Use Privilege Cards and give the Association written notice of the assignment and the names of the tenant and the tenant's family qualifying for a Use Privilege Card. Upon termination of the tenancy, the Association will return or replace the Member's Use Privilege Card upon application by the Member. The Member should make every effort to ensure that the cards issued to tenants and their families are returned to the Association Office upon termination of the tenancy.

(1) Use Privilege Cards will not be issued to

tenants who have not been assigned use privilege rights by Members as provided in Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

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

(3) Tenants who have been assigned use privilege rights by Members must obtain Use Privilege Cards from the Association in order to use Community Facilities and Common Areas. Their use of the Community Facilities and Common Areas as guests of Members or other tenants will not be permitted. (Added 2/21/98)

(Amended 11/21/88)

(h) Upon sale, exchange or transfer of a Member's lot or condominium, the Member must surrender to the Association the Use Privilege Cards outstanding on that property. Upon failure to return the card(s), the Association may impose a fee in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule for each card, issued with respect to the Member's property, which is not returned to the Association. This fee may be collected through the sale, exchange or transfer escrow or any other means provided by law. (Amended 5/15/99; 08/10/11)

(i) Use of BVS Community Facilities and Common Areas is limited to persons qualifying for Use Privilege Cards or Guest Passes. The Association shall require production of the card or pass prior to use of any facility. Persons operating a business on their BVS property may not extend use of BVSA common areas, facilities or amenities to outside persons as a component of their commercial enterprise.

(j) Lost, stolen or destroyed cards will be replaced by the Association upon payment of a processing charge in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule and execution of an affidavit of loss, theft or destruction. (Amended 3/10/11)

(k) Multiple owners of lots or condominiums who do not qualify as a family as defined by subdivision (n), and who acquired their property prior to September 19, 1987, are entitled to receive no more than six use Privilege Cards. (Amended 7/10/09)

(l) An individual or a husband and wife who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate, for each lot or condominium owned, one single family related to the owners by blood or marriage, residing together, who may use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.

(m) (1) Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives who own a single lot or condominium may designate one single family residing together who may use the Common areas and Community Facilities. (Added 7/18/98)

(1) Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate for each lot or condominium owned, one single family residing together who may use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.

(n) The term "person," as used in subdivision (l), means any corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, trust or other entity recognized by the laws of the State of California. (Amended 7/18/98)

(o) The term "family" as used in the section means an individual or two or more individuals related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, or a group of individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit on a permanent basis, and all having equal access to all areas of the lot or condominium. (Added 12/16/8; Amended 9-10-08; 7-10-09)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The proposed changes would allow for clarification relative to the types of identification that may be used by members when applying for Use Privilege Cards as well as restricting the cards issued to a single property.

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

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

Text of Proposed Changes to BVSA Rules

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ARTICLE 8

CUB LAKE AND FISHING AT CUB AND FOUR-ISLAND LAKES

(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 800. PROHIBITIONS

All boats and swimming are prohibited at Cub Lake. [Ref: CSD Code 6-3-17:C.]

SECTION 801. FISHING

(a) Area signs containing fishing rules are posted at the lakes and must be observed.

[Ref: CSD Code 6-3-19:A.]

(b) Fishing permits are required as follows at both lakes:

(1) Before fishing, a fishing permit issued by the Association must be secured at the Whiting Center and have it available on his/her person while fishing, by all persons who are not Members of the Association. Guest passes must also be obtained when guests are not accompanied by a BVSA Member. Permits will be issued to guests' children under 16 years of age at no cost. Fishing permits and Guest Passes must be shown to BVSA Rangers or other BVSA Staff upon request. (Amended 3/18/95; Amended 09/15/17)

(2) **Annual and single** Single day fishing permits may be purchased at the Whiting Center.

(c) Live bait **is allowed but may not be released into the lake,** and kernel corn may not be used or possessed while fishing. Absolutely no netting. Netting of live **unhooked** fish is **not** allowed **unless working with the Lakes Advisory Committee or the Recreation Committee**

(d) A person fishing may use **one two** poles only, with not over two **hooks lures** per pole. All poles must be attended. Trotlines and chumming are prohibited.

(e) Fish stocking levels and harvest limits for all stocked species; including "Bluegill/Red Ear Sunfish, Crappie, Bass, Catfish and Trout" shall be set by the Lake Quality Advisory Committee and forwarded to recreation management for implementation. In the event that there is not a Lakes Advisory Committee operating, the decisions shall default to the Recreation Manager for implementation. These limits may change seasonally to promote a healthy and sustainable fish population. The current harvest limits per person, per day will be posted on the BVSA website, at the Lakes, available from the Rangers or Whiting Center staff.

(Amended 1/15/94 & 9/24/94; Amended 09/15/17, Amended 05/05/20)

(f) Fishing hours are:

(1) Cub Lake: To start not earlier than two hours before sunrise and to end not later than two hours after sunset.

(2) Four-Island Lake: To start not earlier than one half hour before sunrise and end not later than one half hour after sunset.

(g) Fishing is prohibited at locations adjacent to the golf course that are in line of balls driven from the course.

(h) Any activity or presence is prohibited on the dam at Four Island Lake. (Added 09/15/17)

(i) Any breaches to the fishing rules as provided in this section may result in fines as posted on the fee

schedule. (Added 02-10-11; Amended & Renumbered 09/15/17)

SECTION 802. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Anyone who is unable to swim or otherwise needs supervision must be supervised by a responsible person while using the lake. (Amended 8/10/08)
- (b) All pets must be restrained on leashes. The Lakes are part of the Common Area and no pets are permitted to run loose. Horses are not allowed in the Lake area. Members and their guests who take pets to the Lake area must clean up after their animals.
- (c) Picnicking is permitted at Cub Lake. Fires may be used only in the receptacles provided. ONLY charcoal briquettes may be used for fuel.
- (d) Glass is not allowed on the beaches, boat ramps, docks or private vessels.
- ~~(d)~~ **(e)** All trash, debris and garbage must be placed in the containers provided.
- ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Vulgar or profane language will not be tolerated.
- ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Excessive use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Vehicles must remain on blacktop areas and may not be driven or parked on lawn areas.
- ~~(h)~~ **(i)** Radios, musical instruments and the like must be played in a manner that is unobjectionable to others.
- ~~(i)~~ **(j)** Model boats powered by wind shall be allowed without restriction. Model airplanes, gliders, drones, and helicopters (amphibious or otherwise) are prohibited. Boats powered by electric motors or any type of internal combustion engine are prohibited unless by special permission of the Board or its designee. (Repealed and added 7/18/92; Amended 9/24/94; Amended 10/1/2021)
- ~~(j)~~ **(k)** Due to danger from thin ice during winter at B.V.S., all ice skating on the lake is prohibited.
- ~~(k)~~ **(l)** This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3.

SECTION 803. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The Association may require that Members and their guests vacate the Lake area during special events or when repair work is being done.
- (b) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Amended 12/10/13)

ARTICLE 9

FOUR-ISLAND LAKE - BOATING

(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 900. BOATING EQUIPMENT

- (a) Only the following vessels are permitted on Four-Island Lake:
- (1) Human and wind powered vessels
 - (2) Electric vessels
 - (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards
- (b) The maximum length of a vessel on the lake is as follows:
- (1) Human and wind powered vessels: 20 foot class vessels
 - (2) Electric vessels: 16 foot class vessels
 - (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards: 20 foot class vessels
- (c) All vessels must be privately owned by Members, unless participating in a BVSA or BVSA Club sponsored event in which case a liability form is required to be filled out by the vessels operator at the Whiting Center.
- (d) All vessel owners must carry homeowners or boat liability insurance during any boating activity, at their own cost and expense, in an amount of not less than \$100,000, approved by the Board or its designee and issued by an insurance company authorized to transact insurance in the State of California. (Amended 9/24/94;

Bear Tracks

Amended 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 08/10/20)

- (e) Any Member who wishes to launch a vessel, as listed in Section 900, Subsection (a) numbers (1) and (2) on Four Island Lake, must register their vessel at the Whiting Center where they will receive a BVSA Vessel-Use permit. This BVSA Vessel-Use permit is to be affixed to the vessel's port side bow and is to be renewed biennially by December 31st of every odd year. Section 900 Subsection (a) number (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards are exempt from this requirement. (Added 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8/10/20)
- (f) All vessels must be equipped with a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the United States Coast Guard for each person aboard. All persons under 13 must wear a PFD at all times while participating in any boating activity. (Added 10/18/03; Renumbered 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8-10-20)
- (g) For the purpose of Standup Paddle Board usage Four Island Lake is defined as a swim zone, and as such persons operating a paddleboard are only required to use a leash or wear a PFD if white caps from wind are on the lake. A PFD is required to be worn by children under 13 years of age when on a paddleboard. (Added 10/18/03; Renumbered 09/15/17, Amended and Restated 8/10/20)
- (h) The lakefront, dock and marina areas of Four Island Lake are Common Areas and may not be used for storage of any vessel or recreational vehicle. Vessels may not be operated on the lake earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and later than one-half hour after sunset. Vessels on privately owned lakefront property must be stored outside the Common Area. (Added 8/10/20)
- (i) Vessels left overnight or abandoned at the lake may be removed and stored by the Association. Stored vessels will be returned to owners upon proof of ownership and payment of a storage fee established by the Board. The Association may dispose of unclaimed boats. (Added 8/10/20) (Amended 10/30/20)

SECTION 901. SAFETY

- (a) Scuba diving is prohibited.
- (b) Swimming is allowed in all of Four Island Lake except for the buoyed area by the 7th tee and the dam area. All swimming in Four Island Lake is at your own risk. (Amended 09/15/17, Amended 8-10-20)
- (c) No camping is permitted on the Islands.
- (d) Swimming and fishing are prohibited at locations adjacent to the golf course that are in line of balls driven from the course. (Added 09/15/17)
- (e) Any activity or presence is prohibited on the dam at Four Island Lake. (Added 09/15/17)

SECTION 902. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Children under 13 years of age must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult during the entire time the children are in and around the lake area. (Amended 8-10-20)
- (b)** No person may operate any type of vessel in a reckless manner. (Amended 8-10-20)
- (c) The owner and operator of any type of vessel are jointly and separately responsible for any vessel being operated on the lake and by using the lake agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Association for any damage arising from an accident, both as to bodily injury and property damage. (Amended 8-10-20)
- (d) Sail boats, while at dock area with no one aboard, must have all sails lowered and secured.
- (e) Glass is not allowed on the beaches, boat ramps, docks or private vessels.
- ~~(e)~~ **(f)** All trash, debris and garbage must be placed in the containers provided.
- ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Vulgar or profane language will not be tolerated.
- ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Excessive use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- ~~(h)~~ **(i)** Vehicles must remain on blacktopped areas and may not be driven or parked on lawn areas.
- ~~(i)~~ **(j)** Except as provided in subdivision (n), picnicking

is permitted at Four Island

Lake. ONLY charcoal briquettes or propane BBQ may be used for fuel. Open fires are subject to fines. (Amended 09/15/17)

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~~(m)~~ **(n)** Due to danger from thin ice during the winter at B.V.S., all ice skating on the lake is prohibited.

~~(n)~~ **(o)** At all times, the islands are closed before 8 AM and after dusk. No BBQs or fires are allowed on the islands. In addition, the three islands furthest from the beach are closed to public use during the period January 1 to the Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend to provide for a bird sanctuary. (Amended 09/15/17, amended 8-10-20)

~~(o)~~ **(p)** All vessels as listed in Section 900, Subsection (a) numbers (1) and (2) must register their vessel at the Whiting Center where they will receive a BVSA Vessel-Use permit. This BVSA Vessel-Use permit is to be affixed to the vessel's port side bow and is to be renewed biennially by December 31st of every odd year. Section 900, Subsection (a) number (3) Inflatables and Paddleboards are exempt from this requirement. (Added 10/18/03, Amended 8-10-20)

~~(p)~~ **(q)** This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Added 12/10/13)

SECTION 903. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The Association may permit motor powered vessels on the ~~lake~~ **lakes** for the exclusive purpose of enforcement, patrolling, or maintaining ~~Four-Island Lake~~ **the lakes** (Amended 8-10-20)
- (b) The Association is not responsible for damage to privately owned vessels while using Four Island Lake. (Amended 8-10-20)
- (c) The Association may require Members and their guests to vacate the lake area during special events or when repair work is being done.
- (d) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Amended 12/10/13)

Purpose and Effect of Proposed Changes: These rule changes will enhance public safety at the lakes while also clarifying the fishing rules.

Get Involved



THE GOAL: Make your community stronger by getting trained and getting involved.

It takes more than police, fire and EMS to respond to a disaster. It takes people who are committed to neighborhood, churches, schools and volunteer organizations. When people are willing to work together for the good of others, communities are stronger.

People who are involved are the key to a disaster resilient community. They are willing and able to look out for themselves and others. A resilient community is one that can withstand a disaster and get back to normal quickly (even if normal isn't the same as it was before).

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

☐ **Connect with an isolated individual in your neighborhood or start a neighborhood organization.**

Isolated individuals are more vulnerable during and after a disaster. They are less likely to ask for help or follow emergency instructions. The elderly or those with disabilities may have trouble getting out of the house, and may not have much contact with the outside world. Someone who doesn't speak English well may have trouble understanding emergency instructions. People may also be isolated just because they are new to the area, or because their work hours keep them from meeting their neighbors.

Who are the isolated individuals in your neighborhood? Take time to meet them. Help them make a plan for emergencies, and include checking on them in your plan.

Neighborhood watches and other groups can be a great way for you to become better connected to your neighbors. If your neighborhood doesn't have a group, consider starting one. There are resources available online at www.usaonwatch.org or by calling your local police or sheriff's department.

☐ **Promote emergency preparedness in your community.**

Scout troops, service clubs, residential associations, communities of faith—almost any organization you belong to can become a partner in emergency preparedness. Organizations that promote emergency preparedness make their community more able to withstand and recover from disaster. Here are some suggestions for involving your organization:

- Include a Do 1 Thing preparedness topic in newsletters or on bulletin boards each month.
- Talk to your scout troop leader about how Do 1 Thing activities can be used toward a preparedness badge.
- Get a group together to make emergency kits for seniors or kids who stay home alone.
- Visit the www.do1thing.com website to see how other organizations are promoting preparedness in their communities.

The Red Cross, Ready.gov, and many other organizations also promote preparedness. Find the materials that will work best for your organization and become a partner in preparing your community!

☐ **Become a volunteer in your community (CERT, Red Cross, Neighborhood Watch, etc.).**

There are many places to volunteer in your community. Many police and fire departments use volunteers to help with special projects, events, or program. The American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other organizations train volunteers to work in disasters.

If you are interested in helping in your community or other communities during a disaster, become a volunteer for your local Red Cross or Salvation Army chapter. But don't wait for disaster to strike—volunteer now. These organizations won't send untrained volunteers into disaster areas.

Many communities also have a volunteer center or a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). These programs can find ways for you to help in your community that will fit your schedule and abilities.

If you are already a member of a volunteer organization, consider getting your volunteer group involved in VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). VOAD is a national program that helps volunteer groups work in their community during a disaster.

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