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The Deer are Back!

Lynn Lewis spotted these two enjoying a meal at a home on Lada



Proud buck in the Nature Park by Bieke Lieckens





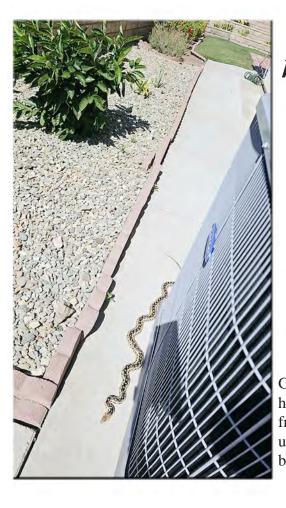




4 deer photos above and left by Lorraine Villarreal

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We certainly have a variety of "critters" in The Springs



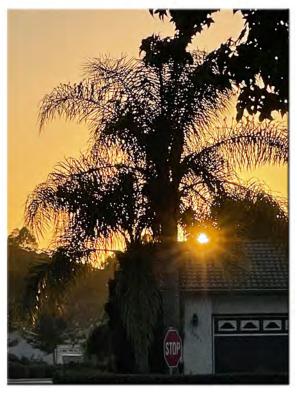
Gopher snake hanging out in front of the A/C unit submitted by Joan Knisely

Barbara Gzyl spotted this tarantula on Gitana ~ she reported that at least it was near the curb so not at risk of being run over. They look scary but do an excellent job of reducing the insect population.

Lizard "catching some rays" by Lorraine Villarreal



Another beautiful sunset by Lorraine Villarreal



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Reduce Lights at Night to Help Migrating Birds

submitted by Lorraine Villarreal

Every spring and fall, billions of birds migrate through North America, mostly under the cover of darkness. Unfortunately, they face an increasing threat: unnatural, man-made light.

Light attracts and disorients migrating birds, making them vulnerable to collisions with buildings. The solution is as simple as flipping the switch. Turning off lights dramatically reduces hazards and allows birds to safely proceed with their migratory journeys.

There are growing international "Lights Out" efforts already underway. Lights Out does more than save birds; it saves energy and money! The US Environmental Protection Agency highlights energy as the largest operating expense for commercial buildings.

Fall migration is underway now through December. Here are some ways you can keep the skies darker at night and help birds stay out of harm's way:

- Turn off non-essential lights from 11 PM until 6 AM during critical migration periods.
- Turn off or dim lobby and atrium lights.
- Turn off or dim interior home lighting or draw blinds to prevent light escaping.
- Turn off decorative landscape lighting.
- Turn off lights before leaving the home or office.
- Be sure outside lights are aimed down and well shielded.
- Install motion sensors on outside lights to minimize use.

Never Use Rat Poison

The following email was sent to Malisa, Clubhouse Office Manager:

Good morning Malisa,

We found a deceased fox in our yard a couple of weeks ago.

He had apparently just died as when I picked him up he was still somewhat warm. We did not notice any signs of fighting or see any blood. The animal control picked him up and asked a lot of questions regarding poison. We assured them that we do not use poison but perhaps was bitten by a snake or that someone else was using Poison.

I am letting you know to warn other Springers not to ever use poison.

Thanks.

Fred and Gale Driver

Ed Note: As everyone should already know, using rat poison to get rid of rodents moves up nature's food chain and kills birds and other wildlife that feed on the dead rodents. If you have a rodent problem, please visit your local hardware store or garden center and ask for solutions/repellents that do NOT use poison such as scents that keep rodents away (eucalyptus, peppermint, etc.). This fox could just as easily have been your own pet.

Reminders for ALL dog walkers













This page is being repeated because more than one dog walker has been observed letting their dog "do their business" on private property and/or not picking up after their dog.



In addition, it is not only a Springs Rule but also County Law that *ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A 6 FOOT LEASH*whenever out of their own yard.



Do not allow your dog (or any other pet) even set foot onto someone's private property. Pay attention and be a responsible pet owner.





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Attention CERT Members And Other Concerned Residents





Please join us at the clubhouse to help get organized and learn about how you can reduce the risk of getting a non renewal notice by your homeowners insurance carrier.

FIREWISE USA®

•CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been asked to handle this project, however we need additional volunteers so that no one is overwhelmed.

Residents reducing wildfire risks

 We need volunteers to be a resource for information regarding this project to your nearby neighbors. Each volunteer will receive a packet filled with information to share with their neighbors.

•This program will be used to help <u>educate</u> our community with safety measures that can be used in order to certify *The Springs* as a Firewise

•The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in conjunction with Firewise USA are sponsoring this program to help all in preparation for the next wildfire in their area.

 We will not be asking anyone to remove landscaping or anything of that nature. Our goal is strictly to educate our community so that if they want to make changes in the future, they will better understand choices that can reduce their wildfire risk.

Please join us~

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 At 10:00 AM At The Springs clubhouse

Brought to you by your CERT team

Robbie Dornick & Lorraine Villarreal Community.



MEXICAN TRAIN

Join other Springers to play Mexican Train (a dominoes game) each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00pm in the Clubhouse card room. No experience necessary. Contact Sarah Legan at 818-268-2287 for information.



RUMMIKUB

Join other Springers to play Rummikub each Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse card room. Bring along your own game, if you have one, just in case we need extras. No experience necessary. Contact Marianne Chavanne at 805-358-1544 if you'd like to be added to her reminder text group.

SHANGHAI

Join us on Fridays at 12:30pm to play Shanghai, a card game based on Gin Rummy.

Call Rose 805-383-5572 or Lois 805-384-9027 or just come to watch.



SCRABBLE

The Scrabble players are seeking additional players to join them the last Wednesday of each month a 1:00pm. Contact Camella Moore at 818-515-4190 or cambm15@gmail.com.



LOW KEY WATER EXERCISE

Join us each Wednesday at 9am for a Low Key Water Exercise.Class.

No need to sign up in advance; simply show up at the pool and enjoy.



MAH JONGG

Learn Mah Jongg on Tuesdays at 12:30pm: Keep your brain sharp with Mah Jongg, a game of skill, strategy, and some luck.

Call Rose 805-383-5572 or Lois 805-384-9027 or just come to watch.

VENTURA REGIONAL FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (VRFSC)

Nearly 150 communities across California have created fire safe councils to help protect their homes and neighborhoods from the devastating effects of wildfire. They are contracted and funded through CalFire and private donations. The VRFSC is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose goal is to ensure that our local communities are fire resilient, safe, and prepared to withstand the threat of wildfire. To this end, for homes in high-risk areas (that's us), they will conduct free wildfire risk assessments, primarily focused on Zone 0, the first 5-foot perimeter around your home. They will discuss their findings with you and also send you a written report. It's for your information and there's no requirement to follow their recommendations.

To schedule an appointment, sign up online at venturafiresafe.org or call 805-746-7365.

Real Estate Trends for The Springs

ACTIVE LISTINGS:

Address: Square Footage: List Price: 1060 Belleza St. 1,650 \$849,000.00

UNDER CONTRACT:

No Listing under contract currently

	SOLDS:	
Address	Square Footage:	List Price:
6476 San Como Ln	1,650	\$876,000.00
1173 Itamo St.	1,650	\$743,000.00
6220 Gitarra Ave.	1,561	\$875,000.00
6342 Irena Ave.	1,561	\$750,000.00
6611 Fino Ave.	1,650	\$835,000.00
6295 Irena Ave.	1,57B	\$650,000.00
1124 Belleza St.	1,650	\$810,000.00
1116 Belleza St.	1,657	\$825,000.00
6124 Gitarra Ave.	1,578	\$760,000.00
1136 Belleza St.	1,511	\$799,000.00
6262 Irena Ave.	1,561	\$755,000.00
1146 Paquita St	1,650	\$810,000.00
6077 Gitana Ave.	1,561	\$835,000.00
1148 Belleza St.	1,650	\$830,000.00
6473 San Como	1,650	\$820,000.00
6139 Irena Ave.	1,553	\$840,000.00

[&]quot;Data taken from CRMLS 9-9-24 Becky Ouarte @ Premier Options Real Estate DREW1232355

Homeowners' Insurance Problems? Share Your Story

Many Springers have had problems with Letters of Non-Renewal or threats of non-renewal from their insurance company. Each resident appears to be working alone to resolve the issue and perhaps your resolution will be useful to others. If you're willing to share your story, we'll print them with the hope of helping others at least know where/how to begin and benefit from your efforts. Please try to be as concise as possible but include as much contact information as you can.

Submit by email to jonrobdor@gmail.com with INSURANCE in Subject line.

The Springs Homeowners Association Financial Report for August, 2024

Beginning Operating Balance	\$44,568.48
Cash Receipts	\$64,965.22
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$<16,096.80>
Cash Disbursements	\$<67,253.80>
Transfers/Misc.	\$<4,797.73>
Interest Earned	\$8.26
Ending Operating Balance	\$21,393.63
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$1,341,468.40
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$16,096.80
Cash Disbursements	\$<0>
Transfer/Misc	\$0
Interest Earned	\$4,797.17
Ending Reserve Balance	\$1,362,362.37
Reserve Liability	\$<1,362,362.37>
Reserve Overage or Shortage	\$0



Ellen Owens

Craig Shore

Mary Blank

Donita Horn

Chuck Curtis

Lillian Zelinski

Maria DeLaPaz Trujillo 29

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Birthday					
Don Noble	1	Torrance, CA	Johnnie/Melanie Hendon	2	Guasti, CA
Pete Minger	3	Los Angeles, CA	43 years		
Pat Sheehan	4	Los Angeles, CA	Steven/Donna Leigh	2	Kapa'a, HI
Jane Pitchford	5	Batavia, NY	31 years		
Lauren McKaye	7	Rochester, NY	Arthur Zavala/Veronica Carlson	. 5	Las Vegas, NV
Jessica Noble	7	San Pedro, CA	19 years		
Gale Driver	11	Vermillion, SD	Fred/Gale Driver	7	Sherman Oaks,
Rebecca Duarte	11	Mulberry, AR	CA		
Wendy Allen	13	Terra Haute, IN	35 years		
Johnnie Hendon	13	Upland, CA	Patricia Carney/Daniel Simon	23	N Maluaka Bch,
Pilar Santos	15	Phillippines	23 years		Maui, HI
Thomas Springgate	15	Long Beach, CA	Chuck/Mary Curtis	27	Camarillo, CA
Doug Beving	17	Osceola, IA	40 years		
Bogie Edwards	17	Vacaville, CA	Theresia Haenle/Leo Huhmann	29	Ventura, CA
Terri Maccarrone	20	Boston, MA	13 years		
LuAnna Oliver	22	Gardner, KS	Rich Hargreaves/Marcia Haimo	witz	30
Marjorie Coker	23	Culver City, CA	30 years		Newport Bch,CA
Steven Leigh	24	Jersey City, NJ	G 1777 F777 F	4 FD Y-	
Dorothy Reicherts	24	Kenosha, WI	SAVE THE D		
Bobbie Sue Jones	25	Texas	Saturday, December		
George Wrisley	26	Glendale, CA	Annual Springs Holi	uay	Dilliler

VC ALERT

Everyone in The Springs should register with VC Alert in order to receive emergency notifications.

Register online at *vcalert.org* or by calling (805) 648-9283.

Watch Duty, a Helpful New App

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Watch Duty is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-government organization focused on disseminating public safey information in real time from verified sources. The service is powered by active and retired firefighters, dispatchers, and first responders who monitor radio scanners and collaboate around the clock to provide up-to-the-minute information. They alert you of nearby wildfires and firefighting efforts in real-time. If you think you smell smoke, Watch Duty will soon become the first place you check.

Abington, PA

Cleveland, OH

Jalisco, MX

Norfolk, VA

CA

Davenport, IA

Santa Monica, CA

Please submit Newsletter photos or articles to Robbie Dornick at jonrobdor@gmail.com

THE SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

SECULAR MESSACE MINUSES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL

John Gardner	President	Prese n t
Bob Latunski	Vice-President	Present
Ted Elliot	Secretary	Present
Jeanne McNair	CFO	Present
Malisa Kundin	On-Site Manager	Present
Sheldon Chavin	CPM Manager	Present

 RESIGNATION AND BOARD MEMEBR APOINTMENT On a motion made by Jeanne McNair, and seconded by Ted Elliott, the Board appointed Lillian Zelinski to serve the remainder of Barry Gilberts term of the vacated position. The motion passed 4/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes)

On a motion made by John Gardner, and seconded by Lillian Zelinski, the Board appointed Jeanne McNair to serve as CFO. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)

John Gardner	Term Expires November 2025
Bob Latunski	Term Expires November 2025
Ted Elliot	Term Expires November 2024
Jeanne McNair	Term Expires November 2024
Lillian Zelinski	Term Expires November 2024

2. RULES OF DECORUM

- 3-minute per speaker time limit during Public Open Forum portion of Board Meeting.
- 60-minute maximum time allowed at Public Open Forum at Board Meetings.
- Speaker must observe rules of decorum and not engage in disruptive behavior.
- If a speaker is in the middle of a sentence when time is called, he/she may finish their thought before sitting down.
- Speakers will sign in before the Board Meeting starts and may not allot their time to others.
- A director or manager may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed.
- No audio or video recording is allowed by attendees.
- The secretary may record the meeting to aid in the preparation of minutes, however the recording will be deleted once the minutes have been prepared.
- As provided in the "Open Meeting Act", members may observe the meeting but do not have the right to participate in the Board's deliberations or votes.
- Members may address issues during the Public Open Forum portion of the meeting.

TED ELLIOTT, SECKETARY

- If attendees become disruptive, they may be expelled from the meeting and/or fined.
- Disruptive behavior includes interrupting a homeowner speaking during the Public Open Forum or Board Member speaking during the Board Meeting.
- These meeting rules will be attached to every future Board Meeting.
- 3. HOMEOWNER COMMENTS/FORUM: New homeowners introduced themselves to those in attendance. Items of discussion included yard sales, common area Irena median, and rule revisions.
- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: John Gardner reported that the Board discussed minutes at the executive session meeting held on July 8, 2024. They also reviewed and approved an underage caregiver application.
- 5. MOTION CONSENT CALENDAR: On a motion made by Jeanne McNair, and seconded by Bob Latunski, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)
 - A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024

B. Treasurer's Report for the Period of April, May and June 2024

The Board of Directors has reviewed monthly for the operating and reserve accounts, the bank statements and reconciliations, current year's actual income and expenses compared to the current year's budget, check registers, general ledger and delinquent assessment receivable report. The Board of Directors approves future monthly expenditures by CPM on behalf of the Association, of \$10,000 or more from either the operating or reserve account to pay, based upon the Association's approved budget, Board-approved contracts calling for monthly or progress payments and any other expenditures as required for the Association to operate.

	Operating Fund	<u>Reserve Fund</u>
April Ending Balance:	\$68,982.81	\$1,279,094.11
May Ending Balance:	\$71,398.04	\$1,299,716.18
June Ending Balance:	\$55,385.79	\$1,320,329.89

Expenses Exceeding \$10,000 from 3/6/2024 to 4/30/2024:

- Check #405264 Natural Wonders Trees for \$13,305
- Check #405262 Frontier for \$18,919.64
- Check #405288 Frontier for \$19,453.04

Future Expenses Exceeding \$10,000: None.

Ratification of Investments: PAC Western CDARs ending in 2393 and 3306 with maturity dates of 6/20/24 respectively, each reinvested for 26 week terms at the interest rate of 5% per annum.

CD Investments

Jeanne McNair shared that she was happy to serve as CFO, and that she intends to monitor accounts and investments to continue the good work that Barry Gilbert had done for the last 16 years. She reviewed the account balances and explained that the HOA uses CDAR's accounts for investments. It allows the HOA investments to be uniformly distributed to ensure that they stay below the \$250,000 FDIC limit. Currently the CDAR accounts are earning between 4.5 and 5% interest rates.

- C. Manager's Report: Information only No discussion or action necessary
 - 1. Repair and Maintenance Report (4/30/2024 to 6/30/2024)
 - 2. Escrow Report
 - 3. Phone Log

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Flag Pole On a motion made by John Gardner, and seconded by Ted Elliott, the Board moved to approve the proposals from Natural Wonders and Reinhart Construction to move the flagpole at the front of the Clubhouse. After some discussion, the motion was revised by John Gardner, and approved by Ted Elliott, to move the flagpole at the lowest possible price not to exceed \$6,500.00. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appoint Budget Committee On a motion made by Jeanne McNair, and seconded by John Gardner, the Board established a budget committee for 2024. Jeanne McNair chairing as CFO. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)
- B. Delinquent Report On a motion made by Jeanne McNair, and seconded by Ted Elliott, the Board approved placing a lien on the property indicated on the report on page 17 of the agenda packet. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)
- C. Architectural Applications On a motion made by Bob Latunski, and seconded by Lillian Zelinski, the Board approved the following architectural requests as recommended by the architectural committee. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes)

Application #	Name	Address	Project Details
42024021	Tucker	6130 Irena	Install fence and gates
2024022	Oh	1161 Itamo	Replace light fixture
2024024	Attebery	1085 Paquita	Repaint stucco
2024027	Anderson	6262 Irena	Delete window
2024028	Minton	1136 Belleza	Install walkways
2024029	Minton	1136 Belleza	Repaint home
2024030	Runnalls	1137 Itamo	Replace exterior lights

8. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN On a motion made by Jeanne McNair, and seconded by Lillian Zelinski, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm. The motion passed 5/0. (John Gardner-Yes, Bob Latunski-Yes, Ted Elliott-Yes, Jeanne McNair-Yes, and Lillian Zelinski-Yes) The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

October 2024

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