

THE SPRINGS GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT, JANUARY 11, 2016

FROM NORMAN W. TENBRINK, GROUNDS CHAIR

First, my heartfelt thanks to Jim Owen and Mark Koruga for filling in for me, starting in December, 2014, and continuing until November, 2015.

Jim also wrote all of the monthly grounds reports during that time while I was dealing with my wife's illness and death. Mark organized all work during the summer, and worked very hard himself as well as maintaining all the equipment. Thank you also to Sandie Stone and all other board members who so generously supported me during this difficult year.

This will be my final report as grounds chair and as a board member because I will be leaving the board as of January 23. I do so with mixed feelings of relief, regret, and a sense of pride in what we have together accomplished in the last three years. I will continue to work as a grounds volunteer as long as I'm able.

As usual, December 2015 was a busy month for grounds volunteers. The activities listed below by date are summarized from the weekly e-mails sent to volunteers by Jim Owen.

Dec. 1: Mark Koruga and I met with Hot Desert to get them started on several projects, including trimming and cleanup of parks 11 and 12 along the entrance to the Nature Path. Jim Owen and 4 other volunteers did tree trimming behind Nardos homes. (6 people X 3 hours = 18 hours of work)

Dec. 4: Two volunteers used the wood chipper to clean up a lot of brush, and 5 other volunteers worked on irrigation repairs by the equipment shed, the Golden Lynx area, and the Nature Park. (7 people x 3 hours = 21 hours of work)

Dec. 8: Mark Koruga and I trimmed the tops from several acacia trees in front of Wolf Run homes, using a new gas-powered, long-handled trimming saw, which took about a half hour compared to a half-day if trimmed by hand! Two other volunteers chipped a lot of brush, and another two checked out irrigation lines. (6 people X 3 hours = 18 work hours)

Dec. 11: Jim Owen and I did some chainsaw work on trees in Park 11 and the wash, and then cut down some stumps left from previous trimming in the Nature Park. Two volunteers used the wood chipper. (4 people X 3 hours = 12 work hours)

Dec. 22: A major project of cleaning out brush in the wash got a really good start with 7 volunteers cutting brush, and two crews from Hot Desert working really hard to drag out branches and brush and hauling it away. Also Mark Koruga did major work putting new blades in the chipper, with Doug Crosby's help, and repaired a chain saw. (9 people X 3 hours = 27 work hours)

Dec. 29: A large part of the brush in the wash was cleared today due to a great turnout of 9 volunteers and hard work by Hot Desert staff. (9 people X 3 hours = 27 work hours)

In addition to all the volunteer work, Mark Koruga and I met with Margaret Proctor from Hot Desert to get bids on two landscaping projects. One bid to landscape a small area of Squirrel Run was accepted. The other bid to cover the area of the berm west of our perimeter wall was beyond current budget limits, and will be pursued in next year's budget.

Finally, three large trees on HOA property that were impinging on home owner's properties were removed by professionals after Mark Koruga obtained competing bids. Four specific requests by home owners were also resolved satisfactorily.

TOTAL WORK HOURS FOR DEC. = 111 X \$25/HR = \$2775 OF VOLUNTEER WORK

(To hire such work done would cost \$35 to \$50 per hour or \$3885 to \$5550 so grounds volunteers saved The Springs at least \$4000 in grounds work costs in December alone.)

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER FOR SO MANY JOBS NOT EVEN MENTIONED ABOVE!

Jim Owen, Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
January Grounds Report
February 8, 2016

We had 16 crew members (Springs' residents) put in 140 hours of grounds work for the month of January, not counting what Mark does on his own during the month. A big thanks to everyone.

Tuesday 1/5/16: Wow what a morning.

A big thank you to the following crew members who put in a big effort. This is the second day in Park 11 wash. Charlie Jones, Bill Collins, Bill Studer, Lee Blahnik, Dewain Winters, Jim Wesorick, Larry Smith, Jim Owen and Mark Koruga. Vic Bignall was at the equipment shed repairing some equipment. We put in a solid 2 hours in the wash today. (That is at least 20 hours of work today.)

Tuesday 1/12:

Mark had a great group of crew members today. Jim Owen, Jim Wesorick, Lee Blahnik, Bill Studer and Dewain Winters. We trimmed and chipped some items in the in the Nature Park. We ran out of time and never did make it to the wash in Park 11. Friday for sure. We also have some stuff to saw up near the dumpster, so there is lots of things to do Friday. We put in a good 12 hours today.

Friday 1/15: 9 crew members today. Got a lot done.

Mark, Jim Wesorick, Lee Blahnik, Dick Bierman, Charlie Jones and Jay Messerschmidt were finishing up the wash in Park 11. Jim, Larry Smith and Dewain Winters spent the morning cleaning up debris and cutting firewood at the dumpster. That is a whopping 18 hours of work this morning.

Tuesday 1/19:

We had 7 crew members today. Vic, Dewain Winters and Norm Burt spent 2 hours on the chipper. Larry Smith, Lee Blahnik, Bill Studer and Jim O. kept them supplied with lots of chipping material from the Nature Park. There will be more chipping as we didn't get it all chipped. Hot Desert picked up some of our chipping which saves us a lot of time. 14 hours plus today.

Friday 1/22: We had 7 crew members today. A big thanks to everyone.

Lee Blahnik, Norm Burt and Jim Wesorick manned the chipper today. Lot of chips to get rid of. Bob Fillian, Charlie Jones, Larry Smith and Jim O. did some light trimming along the Nature Trail.

Tuesday 1/26: We had 9 crew members today. Wow.

Mark and Jim Wesorick spent the morning chipping. Larry Smith loaded the trailer with our trimmings and kept Mark and Jim busy. Lee Blahnik, Jay Messerschmidt, Dewain Winters, Jim O., Bill Studer, and Marty Swanson did some light trimming on the Nature Trail. We almost made it up to the dog run.

Friday 1/29: We had 10 crew members today. Thank you everyone.

A few of us dug up some agaves, and then went over to Park 21 to do some light trimming. Mark had trouble with the pole saw, so we packed it up and went over to the berm in Park 8 between Blue Fox and Fonda and that is where everyone wound up. Mark, Bob Fillion, Lee Blahnik, Jim Wesorick, Dick Bierman, Ted Boyett, Marty Swanson, Larry Smith, Bill Studer and Jim O. trimmed the volunteer mesquite saplings. That was two trailer loads. Hope to see everyone Tuesday, February 2. Looks like it will be a little chilly.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita
Grounds Report
March 21, 2016

15 Grounds Volunteers put in 120 hours of work in February.

Tuesday 2/2. We had 6 crew members today. Thank you guys. About 15 hours today. Mark manned the chipper and finished up that old pile. Jay Messerschmidt, Lee Blahnick, Marty Swanson, Larry Smith and Jim O. did some more light trimming in the Nature Trail and left Mark with a couple more piles. Hot Desert picked up a bunch of the trimmings we left for them.

Friday 2/5. We had 8 crew members today. Thank you everyone. About 20 hours today. Thanks to Mark (our fearless leader) Larry Smith, Lee Blahnick, Dick Bierman, Marty Swanson, Bill Studer, Gary Moe and Jim O. We finished trimming around the Nature Trail. We think those volunteer mesquites and palo verde that we identified as healthy and well placed will be a nice addition to the trail as they develop and mature. We will probably be in the wash on Tuesday trimming those acacia bushes. They can be nasty. Margaret Steinhilb joined our group on Friday. Welcome Margaret and we will see you on Tuesday. Dick Bierman and I measure the trail and we have .92 miles of asphalt, about 40,824 sq. ft. Just thought I would share that. Mark did the math. See you all on Tuesday 9:00 eq shed. After we finished on the Nature Trail Barb O'Halloran went out and sprayed all the weeds in the exercise areas and all the cracks in the Nature Trail for weeds. There are a lot of cracks in the trail and then she finished off her day by maintaining the fountain. Thank you Barb.

Tuesday 2/9. We had 10 crew members today. That was really great. About 25 hours today. Mark, Lee Blahnick and Dewain Winters manned the chipper and almost finished. Marty Swanson, Bill Studer and Margaret Steinhilb finished up the wash. Great job. Jim O., Larry Smith, Bob Fillion and Charlie Jones cleaned up dead branches debris in the mowing strip. HD did a great support job for us today, so say thanks Manny and Javier when you see them. Friday we have some debris behind Viva to clean up and some irrigation issues. Should be an easy day. We deserve it.

Friday 2/12. We had 5 crew members today. Just enough. A big thanks to you all. About 12 hours today. Mark, Larry Smith, Ted Boyett, Lee Blahnick and Jim O. We planted a couple of Agave in the Nature Park and Park 20. Cleaned up some mistletoe by The Springs entrance and finally got to the debris behind Viva. While we were there Ted discovered an irrigation leak so that was taken care of also. Good day. See you all Tuesday we have some chipping to do.

Tuesday 2/16. We had 7 crew members today. Just enough. Margaret showed up but for what we had planned we didn't need another member so she said she would see us Friday. About 17 hours today. Mark, Lee Blahnick, Jay Messerschmidt, Dewain Winters, Gary Moe, Bill Studer and Jim O. did some cleanup and chipping in Park 4.

Friday 2/19. We had 4 crew members today. Just enough. About 10 hours today. Mark, Larry Smith, Lee Blahnick and Jim O. We did some cleanup and trimming in the Rio Fuerte wash and beyond. We also checked out the leaking manifold on Golden Lynx.

Tuesday 2/23. 6 crew members today. Just enough. About 14 hours of work. Big thanks to Mark, Charlie Jones, Margaret Steinhilb, Lee Blahnick, Larry Smith and Jim O. Still working in the Rio Fuerte wash. Lots of chipping to do. See you all Friday.

Friday 2/26. 4 crew members today. Just enough. About 6 hours spent on irrigation. Mark, Larry Smith, Lee Blahnick, Jim O. just about finished installing the irrigation controller on Golden Lynx and Squirrel Run.

Jim Owen
Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
April 11, 2016

We had about 94 volunteer hours in March.

Tuesday 3/1. 8 Grounds crew today and 20 hours of work. Mark and Larry Smith worked on the irrigation on Golden Lynx. Lee Blahnick and Dewain Winters finished cleaning up the debris in the Nature Park. Hot Desert will get that next Tuesday. Charlie Jones, Bill Studer, Marty Swanson did some cleanup by the dumpster and Jim spread some new rock by the Nature Park entrance.

Friday 3/4. 2 Grounds crew today. Lee and Jim put in 5 hours today. We worked on the erosion project in Park 11. Lee feels we need at least 2 more trailer loads to finish it up properly.

Tuesday 3/8. 4 Grounds crew today; 10 hours of work. Larry Smith finished up the Golden Lynx irrigation, then he came over and helped Lee Blahnick, Marty Swanson and Jim O. haul rock to Park 11.

Friday 3/11. 4 of us today; 10 hours of work. Mark started the irrigation work on Nardos. Lee Blahnick, Marty Swanson and Jim O. finished the irrigation on Golden Lynx and also the erosion project in Park 11. The Puma Peak residences want the Palo Verde trimmed and some dead cactus cleaned up.

Tuesday 3/15. 4 Grounds crew today; 10 hours. Mark, Charlie Jones, Larry Smith and Lee Blahnick worked on the Nardos irrigation installing a new controller.

Friday 3/18. 5 Grounds crew today; 15 hours today. Larry Smith, Bill Studer, Charlie, Lee Blahnick and Jim O. Trimmed up a Palo Verde and cleaned up a dead Prickly Pear behind Park 10A. Dick Bierman had started the cleanup, so we took his debris also. Then we along with Ted Boyett and David Dethmers (board members) accompanied La Sierra in evaluating Parks 20 and 21 for some trimming on the 10 Mesquite trees. Larry Smith and Lee Blahnick fixed part of the irrigation problem behind Nardos. Thank you all good job today. Ron Sills mowed the Nature Park today. Looked great. Thanks Ron

Tuesday 3/24. 5 Grounds crew today; 8 hours today. Larry Smith and Lee Blahnick finished up the irrigation project for South Nardos. Jim and Dick Bierman did some light erosion control on the corner of Crystal and Fonda. Ted Boyett helped us on Nardos.

I volunteered our Ground crew (whoever is available) to Harold to help get the Nature Path crack repair started and he said maybe next week.

Tuesday 3/29. Tuesday 3/29. We had 7 crew members today. A big thank you to Larry Smith, Lee Blahnick, Charlie Jones, Dick Bierman, Bill Studer, Marty Swanson and Jim O. We put in a lot of hours today, at least 16. Larry and Lee went up to Nardos to put a new regulator on that system. They have spent hours and hours getting Nardos up and running. The rest of us went up to the entrance to fix a leak that has been a problem for a while. That done, we went to the Nature Park and spread out the pile of chips that we had left and picked up a trailer load of debris. Since we finished our project, they all went home and I headed up to Nardos to see Larry and Bill. They were just about finished after a couple of hours, so we turned the system on to make sure the regulator was releasing properly and there was enough pressure.

South Nardos worked fine but when we went up to the North Nardos control box to check on the pressure, someone had cut all of the controller wires. We were able to repair it and everything worked fine but we can't guarantee that whoever cut the wires won't do it again. Someone must be pretty upset with Grounds to vandalize our irrigation system. After all the hours Larry and Lee have put in to that project, I would say we were a little upset.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Committee
May 9, 2016

Friday 4/1. Mark, Lee Blahnick and Bill Studer cleaned up the big Ravens nest at the entrance. Jim and Larry Smith finished up the irrigation on Nardos. Ron Sills picked up the mower and did a great job on the nature trail again. Then a Viva resident notified us about a county tree that had lost some limbs. So we all cleaned up the branches, cut them up into manageable pieces and gave them back to the county.

Tuesday, 4/5. Larry, Bill, Lee, Dick and I helped Harold today with crack repair on the walking trail. We spent about 12 man hours and 6 bags of asphalt repair material. Many more cracks to fill but it shall be accomplished. We are heading back over there next Tuesday to help Harold again and try to repair a part of the walking trail that is collapsing along with crack repair. Thanks Harold it is a big task.

Hot Desert is cleaning up around the front entrance today then will move into the common area behind some homes on Encino to reduce the size of some cactus that is home to pack rats. I also talked with Bob Murphy as do what he is doing in his forever pursuit of those varmints. He has set some traps back in that area and will monitor after the cactus has been reduced and cleaned up. We had a discussion to the use of the "Rat Zappers" and they sure seem to work well with proper placement and timing. Might be something to look into and or at least pass on to our neighbors who have some problems with the rats.

Friday, 4/8. We did some repairs on the irrigation lines on Nardos (there were several leaks we needed to take care of), 5 man hours Friday.

Tuesday, 4/12, Mark Koruga, Larry Smith and Lee Blahnik hauled two loads of gravel and large rocks to a 5 foot section of the nature trail where rain had eroded the asphalt, adjacent to one of the large unpatched cracks. Once the crack is patched, the rocks and gravel should prevent further erosion along the edge of that portion of the trail. The project took approximately one hour.

Friday, 4/16. Today we had 5 fantastic grounds crew members, including Bob Fillion, Bill Studer, Dick Bierman, Harold Moberly and Lee Blahnik. We picked up 6 bags of asphalt patch at Harold's house and headed for the south end of the nature trail. We worked so efficiently that I drove back to Harold's garage and picked up 2 more bags. In all, we used 8 bags of asphalt mix and patched a total of 16 large cracks. All of this was done in about an hour. One of the reasons today's work went so well was the additional of a gravel tamper that Larry Smith purchased at True Value. It will come in handy as we continue the project next week. A big thanks to everyone who turned out to help today!

Tuesday 4/19. Mark, Lee sprayed weeds and did crack repair on the Nature Trail while Harold and Georgia cleaned out cracks.

Friday 4/22. Mark, Lee Blahnick, Bob Fillion, Dick Bierman, Howard Bryan, Harold and Georgia Moberly repaired cracks in the Nature Trail today. Mark figures they put in about 20 hours on Friday. They used 10 bags of patch and they estimate at least 25 more bags to finish the project. Dave Fink has just volunteered to join the grounds crew. Welcome aboard Dave. Hope to see you on Tuesday at 8:00

Tuesday 4/26. Had a good day repairing cracks on Tuesday. Harold, Georgia, Howard Bryan, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnick and me. Used 9 bags and we figured 14-16 bags to go.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
June 2016

Tuesday, 5/3. Wow. Mark says they all put in 13 bags of asphalt. A really big thanks to Dave Fink (new volunteer), Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnick, Norm Burt, Harold and Georgia Moberly and, of course, our fearless leader Mark. Great job. You all must have put in 25 hours at least to put in 13 bags. AMAZING.

Friday, 5/6. Bob Fillion, Lee Blahnick, Dave Fink, Norm Burt, Dick Bierman and Mark, finished the crack repair minus a little crack. Mark will pick up a couple more bags and complete the job. We have a new volunteer group that has cleaned up the dog run and has plans to add the snake fence themselves. They are comprised of some Springs residences and some outside of the Springs that use the walking trail and dog run. Mark will get their names. It is a nice addition for us. We put in a good 15 hours of work today.

Tuesday, 5/10. Barb O'Halloran helped Mark with the agave treatment. Mark finished up the crack repair so all that is left is to seal it. Mark says he will be doing some irrigation on Friday. We can always use some help with the irrigation. If any of you haven't been involved with our irrigation system, now would be a good time to go along with Mark and see what is involved. Grounds gets spread a little thin at times and it would be good to have a few people knowledgeable with the system so we can spread the work load.

Friday, 5/13. Mark says they put in a good 6 hours today. Thanks to Cindi Ludy, Margaret and Kim Stienhilb and Mark. Cindy, Margaret and Kim are going to finish the painting of Wolf Run. They went with Mark behind Nardos and checked out the irrigation and fixed a couple of leaks.

Tuesday, 5/17. Mark put in a couple of hours today. The weather has been a little windy so Cindi and Margaret are coordinating when they will paint. Margaret showed up today and they decided to walk the irrigation Friday. Mark has HD pruning some of the junipers in Perry Park and also cleaning up some previous trimmings behind Nardos. Mark went down in Rio Fuerte wash and cleaned up some garbage and previous trimmings. Then he went and tried to clean up a bee's nest that a residence has been complaining about. After irrigation work on Friday, Mark thinks they will concentrate on weed control and pig weed cleanup in the Nature Park. On Saturday Barb O'Halloran sprayed weeds in the Nature Park and worked on the fountain. She is leaving for a couple of weeks and Vic will take care of the fountain. Save Friday for irrigation work at the entrance.

Friday, 5/21. A big thanks to Kim and Margaret Stienhilb, Cindi Ludy and Dave Fink. We found a lot of leaks in the system by the gatehouse. Dave and I cut down a dead pine tree by the wash and Hot Desert will haul away Tuesday. We are going in the nature park on Tuesday and do some weed control. Cindi also walked the irrigation behind Calle Viva and checked that out. Too windy for painting just yet but Margaret and Cindi are communicating and will do it together. Nice to have our summer volunteers!

Friday, 5/27.

Just Margaret, Kim and I today. We walked the irrigation lines behind Blue Fox. Lucky we did, found and fixed several leaks including a main line! I now have all the lines properly marked in the irrigation box. I have reset and checked all the timers so feel good about being gone for a couple of weeks. I sprayed some weeds in the nature park and cleaned some debris behind Nardos when I was checking the timers.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
July 2016

Well, July is half over and we want to give a big thanks to all of our volunteers. Mark and Vic replaced the pump in the fountain and Barb O'Halloran sprayed weeds along the Nature path, tidied up the exercise area and kept the fountain working. Kim and Margaret Stienhilb have helped Mark with irrigation and tree removal. Ron Sills continues to mow and maintain the walking path. Larry Smith is back and he and Mark worked on the irrigation at the entrance and have adjusted the timers for the monsoon. Our folks have probably have worked around 30 hours so far this month.

Mark says that weeds will be the priority for the rest of the summer. That sounds like pretty easy work. A little bending, a little pulling. Tuesdays and Fridays 7am. Again, a big thanks to everyone that has been giving Mark a helping hand this summer.

Larry and Mark cleaned up a big ocotillo in Park 6. Mark figures 8 hours to clean it up. They were able to save some of it. Mark, Larry, Kim and Margaret will be on board for the rest of the summer. I am sure that Barb is still working in the Nature Park with the weeds and exercise area and probably the maintaining the fountain. Ron Sills is still mowing and helping to maintain the Nature Path. August will probably be a busier month. Thanks again for everyone's help.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
August 16, 2016

This is what has been going on for the month of August. I am enclosing Mark's emails to me. He is leaving for a couple of weeks. Vic and Larry are the "go-to" guys. Kim and Margaret, would you help keep an eye on things. Thank you.

Mark didn't mention Barb but I am sure she is working on the Nature Path helping with to weed spraying, tidying up the exercise areas and taking care of the fountain. If at all possible will someone keep me posted. Thanks.

Tuesday Ron is going to mow and Larry, Kim, and Margaret are going to clean up the walking trail of low hanging branches and clean up where water has washed sand on the path. I'm going to haul out the DR and start some weed control.

Yesterday Kim and Margaret got the low hanging limbs and branches around the nature park trimmed. They started well before us and we're finished when we started at 7. Larry went around and picked up the branches while Ron mowed. I had the new DR down there and couldn't get it started? Will figure that out? Might have flooded it? So I cleaned up with blower and we dumped off a trailer load of the trimmings on HD. Lots of rain this week. Thought about turning off irrigation for a while but as soon as I do the rains will stop. We had about 8 man hours yesterday. Manny is in vacation for HD next couple of weeks so I will check in with Margaret and give them a list next Tuesday of what needs to be done in my absence after that. I might ask Larry if he can be a focal for the HD crew when I'm gone but let me ask him. I think Vic would prefer not to. I can figure it out with Margaret.

We had a big branch come down in Perry park. I got it sawed up this morning before the thunder and lightning came in. No more work for today raining hard. Larry said he would clean it up tomorrow because I am leaving for Seattle in the morning. I will follow up with Larry and I think the only job to do while I am gone would be to clean up walking path where the wash over flows. We got some more weed control done and some weed whipping on Friday. Maybe 4 man hours last couple of work days. I am dropping off some equipment to be repaired with a guy Vic has used before today and Vic will pick it up when it's ready.

Larry is taking off the end of the month when I return.

Jim Owen – Mark Koruga
Grounds Committee

Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
September 2016

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Friday the 19th Larry trimmed a bunch of dead wood behind Viva. Worked all morning about 4 hours.

Monday and Tuesday Larry and Cindy walked the irrigation lines behind Blue Fox and Viva. Larry says they logged about 8 hours because of all the leaks they had to repair.

Tuesday 8/30. Mark cleaned up the walking trail by Rio Fuerte and then he and Vic began cleaning up the pig weed in the Park.

A big thanks to the following summer grounds people who helped keep things tidy. Mark, Vic, Kim, Margaret, Cindy, Barb and Ron.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

The Springs Homeowners Association
Grounds Report
November 16, 2016

We spent the first two weeks in October trimming, weed whipping and mowing around the nature path prior to the sealing that was done October 21. Ron Sills did most the mowing and some weed trimming. Charlie and I did a lot of weed trimming along the path and also behind the wall by Wolf Run.

Bob Fillion, Charlie and I did irrigation behind Nardos and have that back under control.

Charlie and I picked up debris behind Viva and cut some branches down to make it easier to access the wash later.

I picked up supplies for oil changes in the quad and other equipment we won't be using this winter.

Hot Desert reseeded Perry Park and the new grass looks wonderful. They also did some cleaning behind Nardos for us.

We need to get back in there soon and do some heavy trimming. I will work with Michael on a person we can use to rebuild that wall by the tree.

I adjusted the watering for our needs going into the fall. Hopefully we can get the water bill under control.

I would say we had 30 man hours this month.

Mark Koruga
Grounds Committee

**The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
December 12, 2016**

Tuesday Nov. 1 8 hrs.

Mark, Jim, Lee and Dewayne did around 8 hours today. We spent the morning on the frontage road trimming some brush and continuing on to Nardos common area. We will continue trimming and cleaning up the Nardos common area on Friday. See you all 8 am at the equipment shed.

Friday Nov. 4. 8 hrs.

Mark, Jim, Lee and Barb continued working on the Nardos common area. On tuesday Mark wants to do some chipping and there is a Palo Verde that has lost some branches on the Nature trail. So Mark would like some help chipping and I would like some help to clean up those branches and see what other trimming needs to be done on the tree.

Tuesday 11/8 14 hrs.

Good day today Mark, Jim, Lee, Dick, Bob, Charlie and Dwaine, we put in a good 14 hours today. Mark had help and was able to finish his chipping. Jim, Lee, Dick, charlie and Bob helped finish up our trimming, got it cleaned up and delivered to Hot Desert.

Friday 11/11 8 hrs.

Mark, Lee, Dick and Charlie trimmed more oleander behind Nardos and checked the irrigation there also. Tuesday Mark wants to trim some bushes on the Nature trail behind Barb's house and have Hot Desert pick it up.

Tuesday 11/15 14 hrs.

Great big thanks to Mark, Charlie, Dick, Norm Burt, Dewaine, Lee and Jim. Lee and Jim checked out the irrigation by the main entrance. Everyone else did some trimming along the Nature Trail. Friday 9am at the equipment shed.

Tuesday 11/22 8 hours

Good day today. Mark, Bob, Lee and Jim took down a couple of dead branches, put up a sign, helped Hot Desert take care of some park issues and we finished up the irrigation behind Blue Fox.

Tuesday 11/29 20 hours

We had a lot of help today. Big thanks to Mark, Jim, Bob Muldoon, Bob Fillion, Lee Blahnik, Dick Bierman and Don Kelly. We welcome Bob Muldoon and Don Kelly they just joined us today. With all the help we had we were able to finish up that tree behind Nardos. Plus we helped a resident in distress. Friday Lee, Bob M. Jim and maybe Don K. have a little work behind Viva. We hope to see everyone else on Tuesday.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair