

2024 April Grounds 840 Total Grounds Hours Thru April

4/2/2024 32/672 Total Grounds Hours

Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, John Kangas, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel, Keith Smith, Dawn Weber and Jim Owen had another busy morning.

We got Kathie and Tish's plant donations and they are up at the OK Corral just waiting to be planted. Some of the Crew worked in the Crystal Park behind Gary's house . We cleaned up the fallen ocotillo that had fallen and cleaned up a big dead agave. Keith took several loads to the dumpster. Lee took some of the crew and spent the morning doing some major trimming and cleanup in the Park between Fonda and Hero. He took a big trailer load to the dumpster. Lee and Jim ran into Felix and he is now doing some cleanup in the Fonda wash and then cleaning up our dumpster trimmings. So Friday we should be able to do some more Park cleanup. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

Oop's I forgot to mention while we were cleaning up the agave we ran into a big rattler and Dick went home grabbed his loppers and removed it for us. He took it out on the trail a little ways and let it go. That was our excitement for the morning. A Big Thank You to Dick.

4/5/2024 26/698 Total Grounds Hours

Lee Blahnik, Mark Koruga, George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Rick Dow, Bob Fillion, John Kangas, Dave Koch, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel, Ron Sills and Jim Owen had a busy windy morning.

Ron did some mowing in the Nature Park. Mark took the big mower and did some mowing in the Blue Fox common area. More to do there on Tuesday. The rest of us did some major cactus trimming and cleanup in the Golden Lynx Park. More to do there on Tuesday as well. Took a big load to the dumpster and called it a day. After we cleaned up and put everything away Lee took the hose and a brush and went up to the entrance to the Springs and did some major bird cleanup. We also had another rattler event and Dick came to the rescue again. He loaded up an unhappy rattler and took it to a safe area and let it go. Thank You Dick. Dan removed a thorn from Jim's golf cart tire and put some slime in it. It is still holding air. Thank You Dan. A Really Big Thank You Everyone for all you do.

4/9/2024 36/724 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Gary Moe, Dan Ridder, Keith Smith, Dawn (Thank You for the treats) Weber and Jim Owen had another busy morning.

Mark mowed the frontage road wall and did some mowing on the walking path between the Springs and the Greens. Keith took some trimmings up to the dumpster. Dan, Dave and Rick did some major weed whacking and cleanup behind the Blue Fox Wall. Mark had mowed their on Friday and with the weed whacking that area is complete. The Rest of us cleaned up some of the ocotillo trimming that Lee had done on Friday removed a couple of dead bushes and then went to the Nature Park and removed some dead branches. We did some major cleanup along the walking path and cut up a lot of firewood. Took a big load to the dumpster and called it a day. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

4/12/2024 24/748 Total Grounds Hours

Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dave Cooley, Rick Dow, Bruce Grieshaber, Dave Koch, Gary Moe, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had a busy morning.

Dan, Jim C. and Mike did a really great job weed trimming at the entrance to the Nature Park off Squirrel Run. Sandie Stone liked it so much she gave them a check for their efforts. The rest of us continued to weed whack and tree trim in the Nature Park. We removed some dead trees, dead limbs, branches too close to the ground and some volunteer trees growing too close to other trees. More to do on Tuesday. We met up with Felix and they said they would clean up some of our piles of tree limbs in the Park. Keith and Mark we are out of gas for the chain saws. Lee said he would pick up some oil for the saws. We couldn't get one of the saws to work and that one is going to Ace for repair and it was too late to go up to the shed and get another one so we called it a morning. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

4/16/2024 24/772 Total Grounds Hours

Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Rick Dow, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel, Dawn (Thank You for the Treats) Weber and Jim Owen had another busy morning.

We started out behind Gary Moe's place and cleaned up his ocotillo and took it to the Nature Park and gave it to Felix. Dan, Bruce and Mike did some major weed whacking and cleanup at the entrance to the Nature Park and behind the Wolf Run wall. The rest of us did some major pruning, tree trimming and cleanup. We left a lot of big piles of branches for Felix to pick up in the coming weeks. More to do on Friday. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

4/19/2024 22/794 Total Grounds Hours

Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Rick Dow, Bruce Grieshaber, Dave Koch, Dan Ridder, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had a really busy morning.

Bruce and Victor spent the morning taking down the big Springs sign at the entrance. George and Dan did some weed whacking and cleanup all along both sides of the frontage road wall so it can be painted. Mike used the DR and cleaned up the entrance to the Nature Park and blew it off and he called it a day. The rest of us spent the morning in the Nature Park. We continue to trim trees, dead branch removal and we also remove some trees that are too close to other trees and also some dead trees and we removed numerous volunteer trees. We also did a bunch of weed whacking and spraying. We have a bunch of fire wood to pick up on Tuesday morning. Felix will have more piles to pick up also. We called it a day and headed for the OK Corral. After we got everything cleaned up a put away Lee and Dick took three garbage cans and went back into the Nature Park and watered some of the newly planted plants. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

I forgot to mention the major cactus cleanup and tree trimming we did in the Florido Park. We filled the trailer and I think Lee, Jim C. and Dick took it to the dumpster. Then they joined us in the Nature Park.

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Tue, Apr 23 at 11:13 AM

George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Rick Dow, Kevin Fuhrman, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Mark Koruga, Dan Ridder and Mike Seipel gathered at 7 a.m. at the OK Corral.

We started the morning by transporting Mike Seipel and the DR Trimmer to the walking path between The Springs and The Greens, where Mike will begin clearing weeds. Mike will temporarily store the DR Trimmer and blower at his house until the project is finished.

After that, the crew moved on to Vernell and Pat Lindemann's home at 3657 Rambles. The Lindemann's generously donated a large golden barrel cactus that was located on their back patio, for transplant to the common area park behind their wall. The removal and transplant went remarkably well and without incident. Pat will water the cactus until they leave in early May. We'll need to check back throughout the summer to make sure it's getting enough water. Pat kindly presented us with a delicious batch of home-made brownies as a reward for our work.

Meanwhile, Mark Koruga and Dan Ridder addressed irrigation line issues behind Viva and Nardos and Crystal. The irrigation system was shut down in those areas and is now back in operation.

The crew spent the rest of the morning back on the Nature Trail, trimming dead branches from adjacent trees and bushes. Approximately 18 cubic yards of debris was collected this morning. The Felix crew was also out on the nature trail this morning clearing piles of debris that we cut previously.

A number of our industrious volunteers will be taking their annual leave in the next 7-10 days, so the size of our summer crew will be significantly diminished. We'll miss you. Thank you for the gift of your time and for all you do to keep The Springs looking great.

Report submitted by Lee Blahnik

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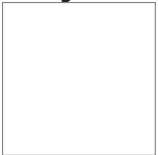
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George Anderson, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Bob Fillion, Dave Koch and Mark Korgua were on hand this morning. Mike Seipel had the DR Trimmer at his house and it's very likely he used it today to trim along the path between The Springs and The Greens.

Today's crew returned to the south end of the nature trail to continue trimming bushes and trees. Special attention was given to the area bordering the wash-side of the dog run fence. A few more brush piles were created for Felix to remove Tuesday. The Felix crew did a good job of cleaning up the piles we left behind last Tuesday. About 12 cubic yards of new trimmings were piled along the trail in the vicinity of the dog run. We also filled about 3 barrels with trimmings which were deposited in the dumpster. The crew also collected firewood we left behind last Tuesday and added it to the pile near the dumpster. There's still a few trees and bushes along the south section of the trail that could use trimming. Dave Koch noticed a dead cactus, in the common area, across the street from his house, that could be removed. That will be the first task on our work list for next Tuesday. Thank you all for your hard work this morning.

Report submitted by Lee Blahnik

George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Bruce Grieshaber, Mark Koruga and Ron Sills reported for grounds crew duty this morning.

Ron Sills used a string trimmer to trim along each side of the Nature Path until he ran out of gas. It wasn't Ron who ran out of gas. It was the trimmer. Thank you Ron.

The rest of us headed to Golden Lynx to remove a fallen Prickly Pear cactus from the common area across the street from Dave Koch's house. We filled about 12 barrels with cactus trimmings and dumped everything into the dumpster which will be emptied by Republic on Thursday or Friday. The dumpster is about 3/4 full so if you have any backyard trimmings that you want to get rid of, make sure you deposit them in the dumpster by Thursday. While we were working on the cactus, the Felix crew stopped and we asked them to pick up any brush we left along the nature trail last Friday. After we finished removing the cactus across from Dave's house, we returned to the Nature Trail to pick up where we left off. We created a few brush piles for the Felix crew to collect next Tuesday. Bruce Grieshaber estimated that the brush piles from today's work amounted to roughly 12 cubic yards of material.

On Sunday, the push mower was used to trim and bag dried wildflowers that had adorned the grassy area between The Springs wall and the frontage road. This morning, Dick Bierman took a barrel full of wildflower clippings and spread them out in the nature park, at the north end. We hope that any wildflower seeds, contained in the clippings, will eventually grow and add color to the nature park. It may take a year or two before we see any results.

Thank you everyone for your hard work that keeps The Springs looking great. We couldn't do it without the generous gift of your time.

Report submitted by Lee Blahnik

