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The Chat is a venue for the Springs HOA Board of Directors to communicate with the residents of the Springs, but more than that, the newsletter hopes to contribute to a sense of community camaraderie.

Board of Directors : Brent Gordy, President; Bruce Grieshaber, VP; Cathy Roberts, Secretary; Sharon Toborg, Treasurer; Jim Owen, Grounds; Mark Koruga, Streets & Infrastructure; Ted Boyett, ARC.

JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday – June 8 – Potluck - Anza Room 5-9

Potlucks are open to residents, their guests, and renters. The food is excellent and it is a good way to go off your diet. You need to bring your dinnerware and beverage. In addition, bring a dish to share that will feed 8 people (also a name tag) If nuts or shellfish are in the dish, please make a small card stating that. Also if you make gluten free or vegan dishes, a sign is helpful.

Food assignments for June:

Last name starting with A-F (dessert)

Last name starting with G-O (salad)

Last name starting with P-Z (main dish)



We will have potlucks during the summer. Tish Mowrer and Arlene Szypulski will host the potlucks in June, July, and August. Kathy Szeto will resume hosting in September. Jeannie will send reminders with food assignments a week before the event. It will also be posted on the bulletin boards.

Thursday – July 14 – Potluck – Anza Room 5-9

Thursday – August 10 - Potluck – Anza Room 5-9

Thursday – September 14 – Potluck – Anza Room 5-9

BOARD BUSINESS

Highlights from the May 9 HOA Board Meeting (zoom format)



The meeting was called to order with 15 homeowners present. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Board member reports were presented and can be found in their entirety on the HOA web site, www.thespringshoa.org for your review. A brief synopsis follows.

The Treasurer reported:

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| ○ Checking/ Savings Balance | 4/30/2023 | \$739,209.20 |
| ○ Reserve Fund/Savings | 4/30/2023 | \$621,188.34 |
| ○ Operating Fund Savings | 4/30/2023 | \$108,537.42 |
| ○ Operating Fund Checking | 4/30/2023 | \$108,537.42 |

(the monthly report did not include the water bill due to a problem with the changeover from Farmers to Global.)

Vice President reported that there was a call from Valley Assistance Services that non-employees are parking in their employee parking lots. The HOA will send an email reminder to our residents.

The ARC Chairman reported that the Compliance Agent contacted the owners of Torres Blancas Golf Course regarding access to the back of homes adjacent to the golf course. It was confirmed that, with prior notice to Torres, we are approved to walk the edges of the golf course for property inspections. Brent will follow up to obtain written approval for HOA records.

GVC Representative Bob Muldoon reported on the previous monthly GVC meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 8:30 am at the Desert Hills Rec Center.

There will be no Board meetings during the months of June, July, and August. Important information during these months will be sent by e-blast.

The Board wishes everyone a safe summer and looks forward to resuming meetings in September.

April Picnic in Perry Park



This was the last picnic in Perry Park for the season. It was a beautiful day and there were plenty of delicious salads to go along with the grilled meat. A big thanks to Dave and Gloria for hosting these events. Not only did they provide the grill and food set up but also table cloths and center pieces for the tables. Next year we hope to start the season in October rather than January.





Cinco de Mayo



The May potluck was a Cinco De Mayo party attended by over 60 Springs residents. Food was plentiful as were the margaritas. Host, Kathy Szeto acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries with the usual candy bars. What a fun event it was. Thanks to Kathy and her helpers for organizing it.

Bierman' Pics

Lark Sparrow (left) and White-crowned Sparrow (right) are two of the most common winter season birds in the area. They leave in late April heading back north to breed but will return in October.

These were taken close to our yard.



More Bird Pictures

(photographed by Lynn Daniels-Anderson)



The raven chicks at the entry tower are now so big that we can see them asking for food from their hardworking parents! We've all heard that it's a "murder of crows," which got me wondering about ravens. Well--multiples of ravens are sometimes called "an unkindness of ravens." The Mourning Doves, while they can drive me to distraction, make up for it by being very pretty on the nest!

Where Does it Go??

I'm a walker and almost every day I am walking here in The Springs, but on trash days (Monday & Thursday) it's a challenge to stay on the sidewalks with garbage cans and recycle bins taking most of the space. I'm still a pretty spry old gal so I can step into the street, but there are those who live in this community who are mobility challenged. Some have walkers, canes, or a person beside them to help with stability. Containers in the middle of the sidewalk are a challenge for these people.

If you are new to the community and your neighbor puts the cans in the middle of the sidewalk, you are probably thinking, that must be the right place for them— not so! Those of us who have been living here for some time know they should be placed clear of the sidewalk but not in the street (CC&Rs 10.12, 25). That means place them on the side of your driveway or an area just above the sidewalk. If you have a long vehicle parked in the driveway and it extends into the sidewalk area, that can be a challenge for some residents, too.

The Springs is made up of many caring people who try to make life better for those of us who live here. We are a community that supports each other. That is why we have the HeartSafe program, numerous benches for those who want to walk but need to rest occasionally, and clear sidewalks for those who walk with canes and walkers. Please help by keeping the sidewalks clear.



YES



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Grounds Crew will fix that!

Once again the wind did a number on one of the trees in Perry Park. Just one day after the break, the grounds crew fired up the chain saws and took care of the downed limb. Obviously we can't say enough good things about our grounds volunteers. They are awesome. Our developer was a believer in open space, but the trade-off is those 22 parks and 7 open spaces he created have to be maintained. The grounds crew meets twice a week for 2 hours to keep everything looking great. Without all those volunteer hours our HOA dues would increase. Jim Owen, grounds chair, is a great recruiter. When he attends a social event and meets a new guy, his first comment is "Wow, you look fit, we could use you on the grounds crew." Sure, Jim, give them a compliment, then throw the hook! During the winter season there are as many as 18 volunteers on a given work day. Awesome, we appreciate all you hard working grounds volunteers.



A Pause

This will be the last Chat until October. The Board goes dark (doesn't meet) over the summer months, June, July, and August, so no Board business to report. Social events like Happy Hour and Picnic in Perry Park don't resume until October so no pictures or write-ups there. **If you have anything you would like to have covered or added to The Chat for next season or an article you would like to contribute, please email me at eileenowen42@yahoo.com.** Jeannie will send out an e-blast this summer if something important needs your attention. Have a great summer everyone. Stay safe.Eileen

