



Bear Valley Springs **Bear Tracks**



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A message from the Manager



Submitted by
Don Ciota, CMCA
General Manager/COO

an end, I would like to update everyone on a very important project that we have been in the planning process for all summer and are scheduled to begin in the next few months. Last summer, we successfully completed the asphalt repair and replacement at the Equestrian Center/Campground, the Administration Office and Mulligan Room Parking lots, Rolling Oak Drive, #10 Asphalt Cart Path and Walking Path. This year we will continue with our efforts to maintain

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4 Island Lake Parking Lot

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In September and October, we are planning on resurfacing and repairing the parking lots at Cub Lake, 4 Island Lake, the OTCC Upper Parking Lots/Driveways, the Whiting Center Parking Lot, RC Airfield and the Golf Shop Cart Staging Area and Maintenance Building Parking/Driveways. Photos

accompanying this article show the scheduled areas of asphalt repairs that will be completed this year.

Once everything's scheduled, we will be communicating closures to these areas as we progress and will send out weekly updates. We appreciate everyone's patience during these much-needed repairs to

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23309 Tak Court	TEH	rep buyer	\$560,000
23061 Lakeview	BVS	rep buyer	\$475,000
19915 Luana	GH	rep buyer	\$425,000

SOLD

30001 Caddy Lane	BVS	rep buyer & seller	\$250,000
30451 Lower Valley	BVS	rep buyer	\$410,000
24601 Deertrail	BVS	rep seller	\$520,000

30011 NIBLICK - Updated interior, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is ideally located in the golf course/lake neighborhood of Bear Valley Springs. Large back deck, fully fenced backyard, this home is waiting for new owners! **\$354,000**



24601 DEERTRAIL - 5 bedroom, 4 bath home offering panoramic view of Bear Valley, yet 5 minutes from the Valley floor! Close to the golf course, pool, pickleball courts and restaurants, this home offers newer roof, solar with backup batteries, updated kitchen and floors and more! Did we mention the assumable 2.75% VA loan? Make your appointment to see today! **\$520,000**



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PENDING!



Fairway Oaks Gem - \$235,000

Easy Living in Stallion Springs

End-unit 2B/2B, approx 1148sf. Split-wing design.

SOLD LAST MONTH BY THERESA

29502 Cassie Ct.	\$479,000	Rep Buyer/Seller
18150 Flare Dr	FULL PRICE - \$439,000	Rep seller
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25601 Paramount Dr.	\$695,000	Rep Buyer/Seller



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lower-resolution images may be used inside *Bear Tracks*.



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Tee-rific times and trophy tales – Celebrating our summer champions!

Submitted by
Yeager Jarrett
 Oak Tree Golf Course
 Assistant Pro

As summer winds down, we want to take a moment to thank all our golfers for making this season one to remember. Between packed tee sheets,

perfect course conditions, and plenty of laughter along the way, this summer had it all. A special thank-you goes out to the Men's and Women's Clubs—your energy, sportsmanship, and camaraderie set the tone for an incredible season. Whether you joined us for a weekly game, a casual nine, or one of our marquee events, you have been the heartbeat of our golf community.

We also want to congratulate the winners of our two most show-stopping tournaments of the summer. First up, the Ladies Invitational was nothing short of spectacular, highlighting great golf and even greater company. Congratulations to our flight winners: A. Gunzman and S. Williamson, P. Reynier and K.J. Carlisle, L. Cummings and C. Smith, C.

Haws and T. Bauman, C. Rein-en and G. Brock, P. Young and V. Medlin, J. Boni and A. Mace, C. Haws and T. Bauman, and K. Bower and B. McGowan. Your play was as impressive as your enthusiasm.

The Member-Guest Tournament followed in true grand-fina-le fashion—two days of friendly rivalry, unforgettable moments, and championship-level golf. Congratulations to our winning teams: S. Smith and D. Smith, R. Tune and C. Skinner, and B. Bower and C. Fluxa. Each of you earned your spot on the winner's board, and we could not be more proud. Let us carry this momentum into the rest of the year, with plenty more fairways to find, birdies to chase, and great times to share.

As always, hit em' straight! 🐾

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PENDING

Equestrian Paradise with Mountain Views. Discover this stunning equestrian retreat in Bear Valley Springs, featuring a chef's kitchen with granite countertops, alder cabinets, and premium appliances, plus a vaulted cedar ceiling in the spacious living room. Enjoy a private primary suite with a deck, a separate wing with three additional bedrooms, and a 312 sq ft workshop. Horse lovers will appreciate the two-stall barn with tack and hay rooms, large loft, turnout areas, and a riding arena—just steps from scenic trails. MLS 9992482

**30341
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Jose Chavez
BRE 01969070



\$28,500

Discover the perfect canvas for your dream home on this beautiful 3.31-acre oak-studded lot, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding valley. Nestled within the gate-guarded community of Bear Valley Springs, this exceptional property combines natural beauty with access to world-class amenities. MLS 9992552

**30261
KNIGHT
COURT**



Debra Shea
DRE 02017218
661-965-9367



\$605,000

Location, Location, Location! This warm and inviting 3-bed, 2-bath, 2,300 sq. ft. home on over an acre near the valley floor in Bear Valley Springs features a split-wing layout, vaulted ceilings, granite counters, sunroom, and a covered patio with spa. Extensive landscaping, multiple seating areas, a 3-car garage, and a paid-off solar system add comfort and value. Enjoy golf, lakes, trails, and more in this beautiful gated community surrounded by natural beauty. MLS 9992588

**23300
COLUMBIA
COURT**



Adonae Faris
DRE 01881511



\$438,500

Updated Retreat in Bear Valley Springs. This beautifully remodeled 3-bed, 2-bath home blends modern upgrades with mountain serenity. Enjoy new flooring, fresh paint, dual-pane windows, a newer HVAC system, and an updated kitchen with Corian counters and stainless appliances. The primary suite features a stylish walk-in shower, while outdoor living shines with a landscaped yard, new deck, retaining wall, RV parking, and panoramic views. All within the private, amenity-rich, gated community of Bear Valley Springs! MLS 9992356

**28200
BLACK GOLD
WAY**



Beth Hall
BRE 01942121



\$515,000

Dreaming of owning your own horse property at an affordable price? Look no further! This charming equestrian ranchette offers 2262 sq ft, 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, located on the valley floor with convenience to riding trails and EQ Center proximity. **Equestrian Amenities include:** Two 3-sided shelters, large pipe runs, fenced turn out area and direct meadow access. 3 storage sheds provide plenty room for storage needs. The property is over an acre and allows easy access for trailers, hay deliveries, and ample room for equipment storage. MLS 9992891

**29801 S.
LOWER
VALLEY RD.**



Beth Hall
BRE 01942121



\$925,000

Exceptional Equestrian Estate in Prestigious Bear Valley Springs. Discover the ultimate horse property within the private, gated community of Bear Valley Springs, renowned for its extensive equestrian amenities, miles of groomed trails, and unparalleled lifestyle offerings. This remarkable, turn-key equestrian estate sits on over 23 pristine, usable acres, and extensive equestrian facilities. With 3 beds/2.5 bathrooms, plus flex room, this split-wing home offers durability, comfort, and an inviting floor plan. MLS 9992799

**29948
GREENWATER
DRIVE**



Kari Munoz
BRE 01942121



SOLD - \$485,000

SOLD – Bear Valley Springs Horse Property. This move-in ready 3-bed, 2-bath home with an impressive 443 sq. ft. office/bonus room offers gated community living with unmatched amenities. Featuring warm hardwood floors, a stone fireplace, bright windows, and mountain-view patios, this home blends comfort and charm. The primary suite opens to a private covered patio, while the landscaped yard, multiple outdoor living areas, and full concrete driveway make it perfect for entertaining. Enjoy golf, lakes, trails, equestrian facilities, dining, and more—right outside your door! MLS 9992695



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made possible. Our janitorial crew and supervisor work seven days per week, maintaining the amenities and restaurants, cleaning, emptying trash, sweeping and pressure washing patios and bathrooms. Our janitorial supervisor was using a 2006 Chevy 1500 pick up truck, with who knows how many miles, and a dash and odometer that worked intermittently.

The janitorial crew works tirelessly, without notice and a lot of times, without praise. They are

the foundation for our clean facilities, well-maintained restaurants and restrooms. Our janitorial supervisor and most of his crew have been servicing Bear Valley Springs for over 30 years. All year around, their day begins at 5 a.m. and ends around 2 p.m., so most of us don't see them working, but reap the benefits of their work.

You, the membership, through the reserve account funded by your amenity fees, recently purchased a 2025 Ford F-150 4x4



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for their use. It's been a long time coming, but never once did the janitorial team complain about the equipment; they made it work and last. The janitorial team is fiscally responsible with the members funds and takes wonderful care of their equipment.

We have superheroes here; they go unnoticed and do their work behind the scenes to keep Bear Valley Springs clean and safe. If you do see them going about their day, please feel free to give them a thank you, a friendly wave or a shout out. Included is a picture, the first names of the crew, and of our janitorial supervisor accepting the keys to the new truck. This man is so humble, that upon accepting the keys, broke down and couldn't stop thanking the membership for providing him with a new vehicle.

Your BVS janitorial superheroes, not in any specific order:

1. Veronica
2. Susy
3. Maria
4. Lyari



Flaviano, our janitorial supervisor, accepting the keys to the new truck.

5. Evangelina
6. Maria De Muniz

7. Maria. R
8. Josefina

9. Maria. C
10. Flaviano 🐾

30730 Fox Ridge Ct - \$669,000



Your Hilltop Haven! 4BD/3BA/2,646SF Million-dollar views, split-wing layout, updated flooring, dual HVAC, 2 RV/ EV 50-amp outlets, fiber internet, on 3.86 acres.

30100 Sunland Wy - \$649,000



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26941 Stirrup Wy - \$489,500



Welcoming Haven! 3BD/3BA/2,399SF, living room, formal dining, family room, Jack-n-Jill bath. On .99 acre useable land, 2 sheds, studio in garage & mountain views.

23600 Lakeview Dr - \$480,000



Stunning Lake Views! 3BD/2BA/1,807SF Split-wing, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, picture windows. On 1.09 acres, fenced yard, RV garage, workshop, loft, views!

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Guest Speaker explains how Pet Food Foundation helps spay and neuter dogs

Our Sept. 9 speaker at Tailwaggers Dog Club is David Hidalgo. David started working for the Lucy Pet Foundation in 2013. The goal of the Foundation was to spay and neuter pets for low-income households. This was a five-day-a-week job. He drove the surgical bus to locations all over Southern California and was responsible for its maintenance. He was responsible for 12-14 hour days doing Vet Tech duties, intake and discharge of animals, writing a newsletter for the bus and taking photos for social media.

As Lucy Pet evolved, David was tasked as guardian and overseer of "Surfin' Jack" the official mascot of Lucy Pet. Surfin' Jack was 10 hours from being euthanized when someone spotted her and she soon became part of the Lucy Pet story. David and Jack traveled across the US, visiting pet stores and conferences from California to Florida. Surfin' Jack soon became the star of the



show, travelling with the Lucy Pet "Wave Machine" and was in a couple of Rose Parades. Most recently, David and Surfin' Jack did store demos at multiple Big 5 stores, including Tehachapi, and a couple of commercials. Surfin' Jack is now retired and living the good life that she deserves in BVS with David and the household of Aussies.

David, now in sales and business promotion, has shifted focus and is on the road doing demos and sales at dog shows throughout the state and occasionally out



of state.

All Tailwaggers and dog lovers are welcome to join us on Sept. 9 for our meeting in the Equestrian Center Lounge. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 6:30 p.m.. Contact Pam Miller for more information or a guest pass into BVS.



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Charming Mountain cabin

tucked away on a cul-de-sac in Highly desirable Bear Valley Ca. Private and secluded with panoramic vistas of the surrounding mountains and valleys. 3-Bedroom, 3-Bathroom Home. Size: 2,324 sq ft. Lot: 10.75 usable acres. The home has a new roof. The home comes with luxury tile flooring and building materials, as it was once a dream project for the owners, now it's ready for a new dreamer!!! Note -This property requires renovations, and many rooms currently lack flooring. It is being sold in **AS IS** condition. No repairs cash-only sale because of this. Priced at **\$310,000**.



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Located on a quiet loop street off the main road there's plenty of room for your steeds on this beautiful, flat, valley floor, 3.14 acre equestrian or estate property. Bring your plans and build your dream ranch, this lot gives you closer access to the front gate and riding trails, with water, natural gas and power available at the paved street. There are very few of the valley floor lots for sale or even come up for sale or even come up for sale. Priced at \$125,000. Located at **22520 Fargo Way**



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Dreaming of having your horses right in your backyard with easy access to scenic trails? This is the perfect home for you! Situated on 1.17 acres, this beautifully remodeled 1,872 sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, with nearly ¼ acre already fenced for your horses. Two sheds provide convenient space for feed and tack. The spacious kitchen features abundant storage, quartz countertops, a deep stainless-steel sink, and two pantries—perfect for any home chef. It has two garages, each with built-in storage cabinets, providing ample room for vehicles, equipment, or a workshop. With so much to offer, this home is ready for you to move in and make it your own.



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HOME SWEET DATA

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This week the median list price for Tehachapi, CA is \$515,000 with the market action index hovering around 31. This is about the same as last month's market action index of 31. Inventory has increased to 224.

MARKET ACTION INDEX

This answers "How's the Market?" by comparing rate of sales versus inventory.



Slight Seller's Advantage

MARKET NARRATIVE

The market has been cooling over time and prices plateaued for a while. Despite the consistent decrease in MAI, we're in the Seller's zone. Watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.

REAL-TIME MARKET PROFILE

Median List Price	\$515,000
Median Price of New Listings	\$520,000
Per Square Foot	\$257
Average Days on Market	115
Median Days on Market	84
Price Decreased	39%
Price Increased	0%
Relisted	20%
Inventory	224
Median Rent	\$2,398
Market Action	31

Slight Seller's Advantage

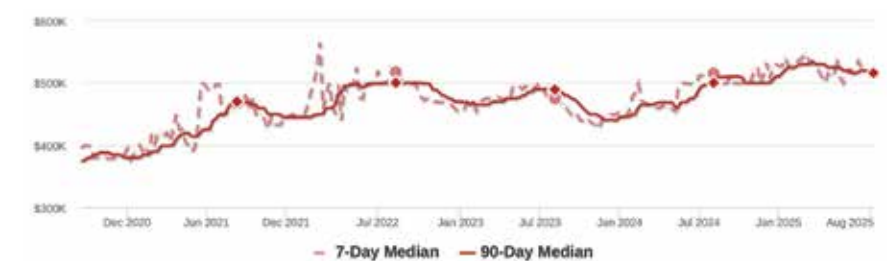
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MEDIAN LIST PRICE



MARKET SEGMENTS

Each segment below represents approximately 25% of the market ordered by price.

Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Bath	Age	New	Absorbed	DOM
\$764,890	2,593	2.5 - 5 acres	4	3	32	2	5	87
\$575,000	2,158	1 - 2.5 acres	3	2.5	31	2	6	84
\$475,000	1,894	0.5 - 1 acre	3	2	31	1	6	91
\$361,250	1,440	0.25 - 0.5 acre	3	2	37	2	8	59

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September Food and Beverage dining update

Submitted by

Josh Cardwell

Food and Beverage Director

As we turn the corner into September, a gentle shift begins to unfold across Bear Valley Springs. The air is starting to cool, the days grow a little shorter, and there's a fresh and exciting feeling in the atmosphere. It's that special time of year when cozy moments and warm conversations begin to take center stage. At the Oak Tree Country Club and Mulligan Room, we welcome the season with delicious meals, friendly gatherings, and events that bring people together. Whether you're joining us for a casual dinner or a special night out, we've got something you'll love this month.

September Specials at the Oak Tree Country Club

Our Culinary team has craft-

ed seasonal dishes full of heart, warmth, and bold flavor.

Mary's Brick Chicken – Tender chicken breast served with crispy fried red potatoes, sautéed garlic and spinach, and finished with a rich chicken demi-glace.

Beef Stroganoff – Made with orecchiette pasta, wild mushrooms, and a horseradish cream — hearty and full of flavor.

Manila Clams – A savory and unique seafood dish with clams in a spicy tomato and fennel broth, served with a toasted garlic baguette.

Wild-Caught King Salmon – Seared to perfection and served with green beans, marbled potatoes, and topped with a vibrant salsa verde.

Prime Rib Sundays – Our Sunday staple! Slow-roasted prime rib with your choice of two sides. Served every Sunday to finish your weekend

with comfort and style.

Family Night – Basque Night

Wednesday, Sept. 17
4 to 8 p.m.

We are bringing the flavors of Basque country to Bear Valley Springs! Join us for an unforgettable Family Night filled with great company and traditional Basque food.

Enjoy favorites like garlic fried chicken, savory pork chops, Basque soup, beans and Basque salsa, spaghetti, and crispy French fries, just to name a few. And yes — don't forget to try the pickled cow tongue, a true Basque delicacy!

Adults: \$25 per person

Children (6–12): \$12

Kids 5 and under eat FREE

Call 661-821-5521 to reserve your table!

Super Sunday Brunch

Sunday, Sept. 28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Treat yourself to a relaxing and delicious brunch at the Oak Tree Country Club. Our Super Sunday Brunch includes a live action omelet station, crispy bacon and savory sausage, biscuits and gravy, seasonal fresh fruit, breakfast potatoes, and golden waffles. Gather your loved ones, fill your plates, and make it a brunch to remember.

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Children (6–12): \$12

Kids 5 and under: FREE

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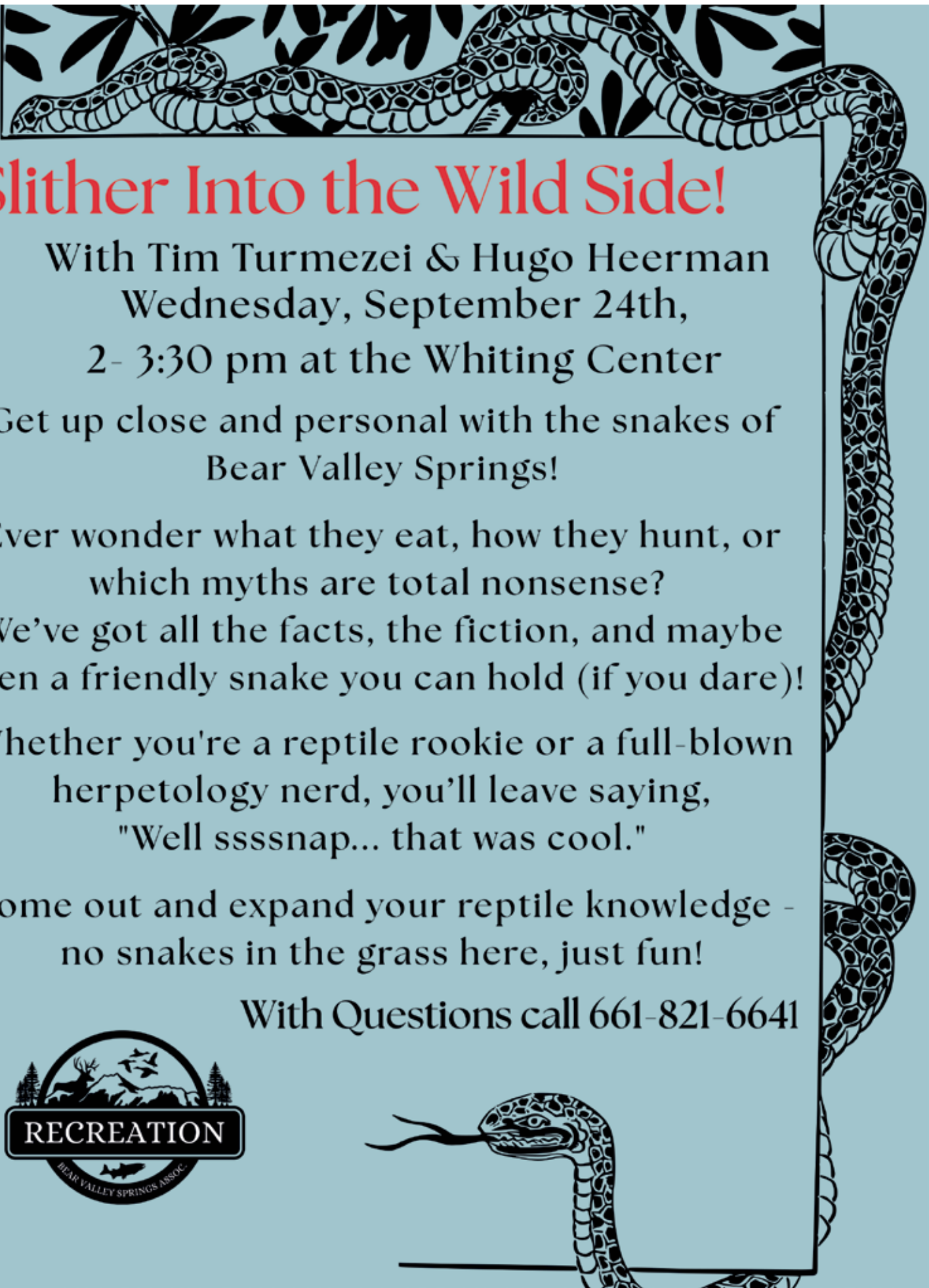
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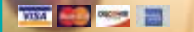
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- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Contact: Ray Michalski, Commander, 661-902-1506 or Jed Hannan, Membership, 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol.com.
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- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 3rd Thursday 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 @ 802-343-5483
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Robin Goodwin (831) 212-5643.
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- **FOUR SEASONS 4-H** - 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm Contacts: Sarah Mountjoy sarah.mtjoy05@gmail.com or Heather Dobbs hrosepressley@gmail.com or call 609-0554
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• **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, Tony Velarde at (818) 974-1009 The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Thursday before a tournament or the second Thursday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 7:30 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.

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

• **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@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.

• **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** - Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bvlqac@gmail.com

• **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/>

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Geo Somoza explaining Griffith's 40 foot Foucault Pendulum.

Astronomy Club's visit to Griffith Observatory

The Astronomy Club was recently treated to a fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of the remarkably historic Griffith Observatory. Our knowledgeable guide was Geo Somoza who is both a longtime tour guide and telescope operator at the observatory. The observatory and planetarium opened in 1935, funded and gifted to the City of Los Angeles by the industrialist Griffith J. Griffith to make astronomy available to everyone after being inspired by a visit to the Mt Wilson Ob-

servatory.

Geo not only explained the observatory's incredible exhibits but also pointed out details that might easily be missed by the general public. For example, the walkway leading to the lower level is precisely aligned north-south to create a solar transit calendar. Each day, as the Sun crosses local noon, its image is projected down onto a metal strip that shows the date and constellation that the Sun currently occupies.

Geo made sure that we got

to see all the highlights like the Foucault Pendulum in the Central Rotunda and even switched on their awesome ~500,000 volt Tesla Coil to show us how it shoots lightning-like bolts many feet in every direction! Along with these "greatest hits," Geo also took us into some areas most don't get to see like the interior of their 12" Zeiss refractor telescope dome. This was of particular interest to those of us with a lot of experience with telescopes.

The tour was concluded

with a planetarium show that utilized their updated, computer-controlled Zeiss star projector. The show was wonderfully narrated and walked us through the history of astronomical knowledge from the ancients up to our current era of space-born telescopes.

All of us who made the trek had a superb time. Griffith is only about a 2-1/2 hour drive, making it an easy and highly recommended day trip.



At right, inside the dome of the observatory's 12" Zeiss Telescope.



Below, lightning-like sparks arcing from the giant Tesla Coil.



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Understanding the July 2025 fish die off at Four Island Lake

Submitted by
Fred Hicks
Lake Quality Advisory
Committee Chair

In mid-July 2025, Four Island Lake experienced a significant Benthic Fish Die-Off, with approximately 5,740 pounds of fish lost over three days. While this was far less than the 15,000 pounds removed during winter, it still underscored the lake's ongoing ecological challenges. Dissolved oxygen levels dropped to zero throughout the entire water column, leaving aquatic life without the oxygen needed to survive. This was triggered by a combination of hot weather, calm conditions, and the breakdown of organic material on the lakebed—a situation made worse by a continued overpopulation of bull-head catfish. More oxygen-sen-

sitive species like bass, bluegill, red-eared sunfish, and golden shiners were the most affected. Importantly, the fish die-off was not attributed to an algae bloom.

Thanks to a rapid response within 30 minutes of the first report, staff and volunteers quickly mobilized. Over 242 man-hours were dedicated to cleanup, with fish removal totals of 3,410 pounds on day one, 1,730 on day two, and 600 on day three. Some reproductive-sized desirable fish were relocated to Seventh Hole Pond for future restocking. The lake was closed for only two days, minimizing disruption to residents and recreation.

Since 2020, Bear Valley Springs Association Lake Quality Advisory Committee — working with Mountain View



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MULLIGAN ROOM DINNER SPECIALS & SOUPS SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf Broccoli Cheddar Soup	2 Crispy Ground Beef Tacos Chicken Tortilla Soup	3 Bacon Wrapped Shrimp Beef & Bean Chili	4 Prime Rib Coconut Curry Soup	5 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder	6 Mississippi Pot Roast Creamy White Bean Soup
7 Pasta Primavera Albondigas Soup	8 Chicken Stir-Fry Spanish Black Bean Soup	9 Carne Asada Plate Chicken Tortilla Soup	10 Chicken Cordon Bleu Italian Wedding Soup	11 Prime Rib Zuppa Toscana Soup	12 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder	13 Spaghetti & Meatballs Cream of Green Chile Soup
14 Mushroom Raviolis Minestrone Soup	15 Beef & Broccoli Cream of Mushroom Soup	16 Smothered Chicken Burrito Chicken Tortilla Soup	17 Swedish Meatballs Cream of Artichoke Soup	18 Prime Rib Loaded Potato Soup	19 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder	20 Firecracker Shrimp Chicken Noodle Soup
21 Chicken Parmesan Tomato Bisque	22 Mongolian Chicken Lasagna Soup	23 Carnitas Enchiladas Chicken Tortilla Soup	24 Salisbury Steak Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup	25 Prime Rib Dill Pickle Soup	26 Fish & Chips Clam Chowder	27 Chicken Schnitzel White Chicken Chili
28 Shepherd's Pie Cream of Zucchini Soup	29 Lemon Cream Chicken Pasta Roasted Red Pepper Soup	30 Beef Fajitas Chicken Tortilla Soup				

WHITING CENTER SEPTEMBER EVENTS



SPORTS

- Basketball games begin on Sept. 5th

EVENTS

- **VETS Bingo** - Sat. Sept. 6th Doors open at 12:30 games begin at 1 pm

Garage/Rummage Sale - Sat. Sept 20th

- Registration closes Sept. 15
- Maps available Sept. 18th

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- **SNAKES ARE BACK** - Wed. Sept. 24th 2-3:30

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- Sept. 10th - Dodgeball
- Sept. 16th - Kickball
- Sept 17th - Movie "Bolt"
- Sept. 18th - Dodgeball
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Consulting Group—has implemented long-term improvements, including aeration, nutrient control, harmful algae treatments, and the removal of over 80,000 pounds of bullhead catfish. Recommendations for continued lake improvement include expanding aeration capacity, dredging to reduce oxygen-demanding sediment, and continuing aggressive population control of bullhead catfish to restore balance and protect more desirable game fish.

A sincere thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers and staff who worked tirelessly during the cleanup effort. Special appreciation to the Mulligan Room for generously providing a great lunch for all volunteers on the first day—keeping everyone fueled for the hard work ahead.



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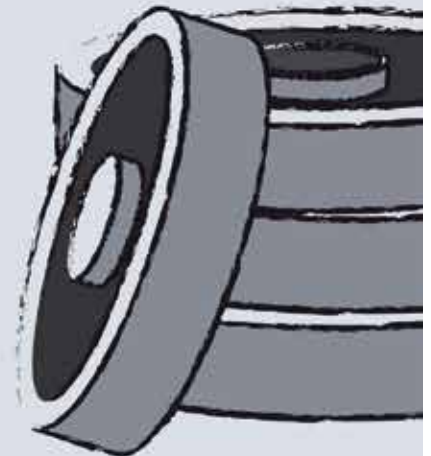
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our Rec Desk System.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to come by and see me. I can also be reached by e-mail at donc@bvsa.org or call me at the Administration Office at ext. 219. My door is always open. Again, thank you for all your support! See you around BVSA! 🐾



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SECTION 1802. FEES AND DEPOSITS

- (a)(1) Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Article, all Special Users of an Amenity or common area shall be charged a rental fee, in an amount to be established by the Board, for the purpose of at least partially reimbursing the Association for the estimated overhead and administrative costs incurred by the Association because of the Special Use of the amenity, including, but not limited to, utilities and payroll costs. A Special User and/or commercial user that is otherwise subject to the rental fee may receive an exemption from this fee for an event if a significant percentage of the net revenue derived from the event will be used in Bear Valley Springs to contribute to the social, welfare, educational or recreational activities or interests of Association Members. The request for exemption must be in written form, addressed to the General Manager and include the net revenue from the event and the amount and purpose of the revenue that will be used in Bear Valley Springs. Approval or denial of the request will be at the discretion of the General Manager and the Board of Directors, who will so indicate their decision on the original request, which will be returned to the Special User, a copy of the request and disposition will be filed with the Association Secretary. (*Amended 6/5/24*)
- (2) Recognized Clubs shall be permitted to make Special Use of amenities and common areas and receive an exemption from a rental and/or commercial fee for an event **at an amenity location** if a significant percentage of the net revenue derived from the event will be used in Bear Valley Springs to contribute to the social, welfare, educational or recreational activities or interests of Association Members.
- (3) A fee schedule, established by the General Manager (or Board of Directors) will be applied for use of BVSA equipment by Recognized Clubs, that The applicable fee schedule applies when or if BVSA staff must erect or transport or if equipment is removed from BVSA storage location. Equipment** includings but not limited to: tables, chairs, BBQ's and tents. Outside vendors, when utilized, shall have all appropriate health department certificates, insurance that indemnifies BVSA and signed release of liability.
(*Amended 02-10-11, 6/5/24*)
- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all Special Users of an amenity must, at the time of submitting the required Special Use Request and Agreement, deposit with the Association a cleaning and repair deposit in a reasonable amount established by the Board. If the Special User leaves the amenity as clean and in the same condition and state of repair as existed prior to the Special Use, the deposit will be refunded. The deposit shall be forfeited to the Association if any cleaning or repair is required.
- (2) Repetitive Special Users may elect to have monies remain on deposit during the term of their reservations, which may not exceed twelve months.
- (3) Recognized Clubs will be exempt from the cleaning and repair deposit requirement so long as the Club leaves the amenity or common area in a clean and good condition.
- (c) (1) All Commercial Users must pay, in addition to the rental fee required under Section 1802(a), a fee not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the Commercial User's net revenue derived or attributable to the Commercial User's use of the amenity or common area. This fee shall be due and payable to the Association promptly (but no later than two business days) after the end of the Commercial User's use of the amenity or common area.
- (2) The Association reserves the right to inspect and audit the books and records of any Commercial User at any reasonable time to verify the gross revenue and the amount of the fee to be paid. (*Amended 6/5/24*)

TEXT OF PROPOSED BVSA RULE CHANGES

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SECTION 2400. GENERAL RULES

- (a) Hours of operation are established by BVSA Management and may be changed without prior notice.

- (b) Every person using the Bear Valley Nature Path and Cub Lake Walking Path must possess a valid BVSA Use-Privilege Card, BVSA Guest Amenity Use Pass, or be accompanied by someone with an appropriate card or pass. Amenity Use Privilege Card or BVSA Guest Amenity Use Pass must be presented upon request by a BVS Ranger or BVS Management.
- (c) Parking must be at Beaubien Field or Cub Lake designated parking areas.
- (d) Users of Bear Valley Nature Path and Cub Lake Walking Path must remain on approved and posted path.
- (e) The following motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Bear Valley Nature Path and Cub Lake Walking Path; Type 3 e-bikes, mopeds, gas-powered motor bikes, quads, dune buggies, and other similar equipment and devices. (Ref: KC Ordinance 09-230 and BVCSD Code 6-3-6).
- (f) Bicycles, including Type 1 and Type 2 commercially made e-bikes, and Golf Carts are permitted on the Bear Valley Nature Path and Cub Lake Walking Path. Upon request by a BVS Ranger or BVS Management, identification of the type and wattage of e-bike as indicated by the manufacturer label must be shown by cyclist. Maximum MPH for any of the above mechanized vehicles is 2 10 miles per hour and riders must abide by the conduct rules as outlined in Section 2401.
- (g) Baby strollers, roller skates, children's toys and scooters (human-powered or battery operated up to 24 volts) and mobility scooters are permitted on the Bear Valley Nature Path and Cub Lake Walking Path and must abide by the conduct rules as outlined in Section 2401.

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