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BVPD traffic enforcement outside the gate

Submitted by

Dain Hurst

**BV Police Department
Chief of Police**

A question we occasionally receive is why the Bear Valley Police Department conducts traffic enforcement on Bear Valley Road outside the gate.

The answer is simple: Our responsibility is to protect residents and visitors of Bear Valley Springs wherever our juris-

diction and authority allow.

Bear Valley Road is the primary route into and out of our community. Every resident, visitor, school bus, emergency vehicle, and delivery service relies on this roadway. Unsafe driving on this corridor directly impacts the safety of everyone traveling to and from Bear Valley Springs.

Our traffic enforcement efforts focus on changing driver behavior, not writing citations. Officers monitor for violations

that are known to contribute to serious collisions, including:

- Excessive speed
- Reckless driving
- Driving under the influence
- Distracted driving
- Seat belt and child restraint violations
- Unsafe passing and other hazardous driving behaviors

The objective is to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities while encouraging voluntary compliance with California traffic laws.

Traffic enforcement also supports emergency response. Safe traffic flow helps ensure law enforcement, fire personnel, and ambulance crews can reach emergencies as quickly

as possible when every second matters.

While the Bear Valley Police Department continues working with Kern County to restore California Vehicle Code enforcement on designated roads within Bear Valley Springs, we remain committed to protecting our community wherever we have legal authority to do so.

We appreciate the cooperation of our residents and visitors. By slowing down, eliminating distractions, and driving responsibly, each of us contributes to making the trip into and out of Bear Valley Springs safer for everyone.

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SOLD IN THE LAST 30 DAYS

805 Mulberry	TEH	rep buyer	\$460,000
25904 Bear Valley Road	BVS	rep seller	\$649,999
22817 Clover Springs	GHW	rep seller	\$430,000

IN ESCROW

20654 Sasia Road	CV	rep seller	\$785,000
29361 Fawn Way	BVS	rep seller	\$479,000
25441 Bear Valley Rd	BVS	rep seller	\$339,000



It's Mt. Fest time!



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27140 Shut Out Pl.	\$745,000	Rep Buyer
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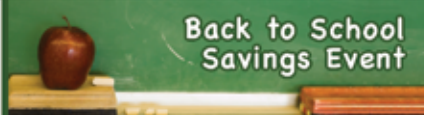
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Day of the Horse 2026: A celebration of equines

A varied program of arena demonstrations, educational booths, and lots of children combined with a huge effort on the part of sponsors, volunteers, parents, and friends to make this year's Bear Valley Springs Day of the Horse on June 27 a success.

Lots of planning was needed to gather this galaxy of equines and their people, but the host BVS Horsemen's Association and recognized horse clubs and related equine folks came together to present a four-hour program of fun, education, and a little silliness too.

Bear Valley Springs may be modest in population, but we're mighty when it comes to equestrian activities: there



were booths offering everything from coloring pages and roping practice to learning about feed and how to drive a cart horse. Many opportunities were available to sit on saddles, pet real horses, see horse art



from local artisans, decorate lucky horseshoes, watch cattle events, take carriage rides, make beaded necklaces from horseshoe nails, and watch

beautiful horses strut their stuff. Congratulations to BVS Pony Club for winning the best booth award!

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EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTIES *Extraordinary Living*



Recently Listed

23150 Dart Drive,
Tehachapi
Offered at \$497,500

Exceptional horse property with stunning meadow and mountain views horse/hiking trail adjacent! - Welcome to 23150 Dart Drive, a custom home in the guard-gated community of Bear Valley Springs. Set on 1.10 scenic acres with beautiful meadow and foothill views, this property borders riding and hiking trails, offering peaceful mountain living. Inside, the home features a spacious great room with vaulted ceilings, a cozy pellet stove, and French doors opening to a large wraparound deck. The fenced backyard offers space for horses, a workshop, or future projects, with convenient rear access. Enjoy outstanding community amenities, including over 50 miles of riding and hiking trails, equestrian facilities, two lakes, a golf course, recreation center, Country Club with pools, fitness amenities, and more. Come for a visit, stay for a lifetime.



28801 S Lower Valley Rd,
Tehachapi
Offered at \$899,000

Exceptional Equestrian Estate 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, backing directly to the community's acclaimed trail system. **Quality-Built Home Designed for Comfort & Function:** Built by the original owner, this quality split-wing home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, a bonus room, an open-concept living area, bamboo hardwood floors, a spacious view deck, an oversized garage with conversion potential, and a Generac generator. Residents also enjoy premier equestrian amenities, including riding arenas, round pens, boarding facilities, camping areas, and direct access to miles of scenic trails.



Under Contract

93 Meadow Lakes Dr,
Tehachapi
Offered at \$263,000

Exceptional Condo Living in Prestigious Bear Valley Springs - This charming two-story, 3-bedroom, 2-bath condo reflects true pride of ownership and features numerous upgrades, including updated windows and flooring, granite countertops, quality blinds, a dishwasher, and more. The inviting great room features soaring ceilings, a cozy fireplace, natural gas central heating, central A/C, and dual-pane windows that fill the space with natural light. The ground-floor primary suite offers convenience and comfort with its own bath, and stackable washer/dryer. Upstairs, you'll find a walk-in closet, two guest bedrooms and a full bath, providing a functional layout for family, guests, or a home office setup. Ideally located with easy access to the golf course, this home also includes a fenced backyard for added privacy with perimeter location within complex, creating the perfect blend for relaxing or entertaining. An added bonus: the unit is wired for a whole-house generator and equipped to power the entire home.

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My recent market activity

UNDER CONTRACT

- 27931 Cumberland Rd
(rep seller)
- 93 Meadow Lakes Dr

SOLD

- 30001 Jamaica Dunes
\$390k (rep buyer)
- 23461 Dart Dr
\$668k (rep seller)
- 24421 Pueblo Ct
(rep seller)
- 27901 Hale Ct
(rep seller)

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BVPD to begin enforcement of rules restricting use of golf carts and unregistered vehicles

Submitted by

Dain Hurst

**BV Police Department
Chief of Police**

The Bear Valley Police Department has begun enforcing District Code that prohibits golf carts and other unregistered motor vehicles on roads within Bear Valley Springs.

In the summer months, Bear Valley Springs typically sees a significant increase in the use of golf carts and similar unregistered vehicles on BVS roads. However, this practice is unsafe. These vehicles generally lack basic safety equipment such as seatbelts, lights, and signals. Roads in Bear Valley Springs are not designed for golf carts, and the speed limits are higher than what you would typically see in a golf-

cart-friendly community.

Based on those reasons, golf carts and other low-speed vehicles (except farm equipment) are not allowed on roads in Bear Valley Springs. District Code 4-1-11-A states, "No person shall operate a sled, skateboard, unregistered motor vehicle, or unregistered motorcycle on district roads."

District Code 4-1-7-A states that the Bear Valley Police Department has the authority to "Enforce the traffic and road regulations of the district and the state vehicle laws applicable to road traffic in the district". District Code grants the Police Department the power to issue Administrative Citations with fines up to \$1,000.

Starting July 1, 2026, Bear Valley Police Officers began issuing warnings to people

driving golf carts or other unregistered motor vehicles in violation of District Code.

Starting August 1, 2026, those found in violation of District Code will be given an Administrative Citation.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If the California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows golf carts on roads with speeds up to 25 mph and LSVs and NEVs on roads with speeds up to 35 mph, why can't we drive on District roads with those speed limits?

Based on the recent engineering and traffic survey, only two District roads have been designated with a maximum speed of 25 mph – Pinedale Drive and Jamaica Dunes Drive. The CVC also restricts the distance a golf cart may be

driven to within one mile of the golf course, if allowed by local ordinance.

Only two sections of Bear Valley Road have been designated with a maximum speed of 35 mph – in front of the Whiting Center and between S and N Lower Valley Road.

2. BVS is a golf cart community, so why can't we drive golf carts on the roads?

BVS is not a designated golf cart community. Per the Streets and Highways Code sections 1950-1961, in order to be designated as a golf cart community, Kern County would have to develop a specific golf cart transportation plan for BVS, and the Board of Supervisors would have to approve it by resolution or ordinance. The District does not have the legal

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Bear Valley CSD passes 2026/2027 Budget, including \$1.13 million in spending cuts

The CSD Board of Directors has adopted the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget.

The \$11.28 Million operating budget includes more than \$1.13 million in spending reductions compared to Fiscal Year 2025/2026. This comes out to a 9% cut in operations spending.

To determine where reductions would be made, the CSD General Manager worked closely with department heads and supervisors. The goal was to make thoughtful changes that would maximize savings while minimizing the direct impact on the community.

As shown in the table above, the most significant cuts were made to the Water Division, Roads Division, Police Services, and General Services. These include staff reductions,

Department	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Total Operating Budget	\$12.42M	\$11.28M	-\$1.13M	-9%
Water Division	\$4.44M	\$4.12M	-\$327,000	-7%
Roads Division	\$1.81M	\$1.48M	-\$324,000	-18%
Police Services	\$2.75M	\$2.43M	-\$319,000	-12%
General Services	\$367,000	\$225,000	-\$142,000	-39%
Solid Waste	\$940,000	\$894,000	-\$46,000	-5%
Wastewater	\$1.07M	\$1.06M	-\$8,000	-1%
Gate Services	\$732,000	\$734,000	+\$2,000	0%
Parks and Recreation	\$186,000	\$199,000	+\$13,000	+7%
Administrative Services	\$131,000	\$147,000	+\$17,000	+13%

decreasing the use of consultants and outside contractors, fewer part-time and overtime hours, and the elimination of seasonal positions.

The approved budget also

includes reductions in planned Capital Improvement spending. Long-term, these reductions will limit the CSD's ability to make significant improvements to roads, water systems,

and facilities.

These Capital Improvement reductions do not affect projects that are already underway, most notably the Bear Valley

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HOME SWEET DATA

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This week the median list price for Tehachapi, CA 93561 is \$495,900 with the market action index hovering around 35. This is less than last month's market action index of 38. Inventory has increased to 219.

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	\$495,900
Median Price of New Listings	\$492,499
Per Square Foot	\$255
Average Days on Market	130
Median Days on Market	63
Price Decreased	32%
Price Increased	0%
Relisted	12%
Inventory	219
Median Rent	\$2,100
Market Action	35

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
\$769,000	2,690	2.5 - 5 acres	4	3	23	5	0	70
\$548,000	2,159	1 - 2.5 acres	3	2.5	28	4	4	70
\$450,000	1,774	0.5 - 1 acre	3	2	35	4	5	77
\$364,500	1,364	0.25 - 0.5 acre	3	2	37	5	8	49

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Shop featured homes throughout Bear Valley Springs using Google My Maps on your phone, or pick up a printed map at the Whiting Center or Cub Lake.

Maps Available: Friday, September 18 at 12:00 PM

CUB LAKE BOOTH INFORMATION

- Booths assigned in order received
- Individual locations cannot be guaranteed
- Setup begins at 6 AM Saturday
- Sales booths only
- Spaces are approximately 14 feet wide

RULES

- No weapons
- No alcohol
- No pornography
- No live animals
- Not responsible for lost/stolen items
- No refunds

The Salvation Army will have a Drop Off Event at Cub Lake from 12 to 4 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Gate Passes: Property owners must call in all guest passes.

Please do not leave unsold items at the BVS trash dump. The dump is for trash only. Please donate usable items to local thrift stores or donation centers.

Questions? Whiting Center | 661-821-6641

Oak Tree Country Club's 16-year-old course record finally broken, tournament winners

On June 19 and 20, the Oak Tree Women's Golf Club held its annual Presidents – Vice Presidents Cup Golf Tournament. The Vice Presidents Ladies Played two days of 9-hole rounds and the presidents flight played two days of 18-hole rounds of golf in great weather and great conditions. Here are the results:

Vice Presidents Flight

Low Gross – Margie Keene

Low Net – Eva Lance

2026 Vice Prez Cup Champion – Alice Jukes

Presidents Cup Flight

Low Gross – Joy Webber

Low Net – Linda Cross

2026 Prez Cup Champion – Cynthia Haws

On the day before our nation's 250th birthday, July 3, 2026, Oak Tree Country Club's 16-year-old course record was finally broken. 16-year-old Dominic Wilson of Temecula California shot a fantastic round of 61. Dominic plays on the varsity golf team at Great Oaks High School and on the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Tournament series. The round was witnessed by Scott Mckettrick, Russ Martin, and Brook Shannon. Great Round Dom!



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JUST LISTED. PENDING. SOLD. REPEAT.

I GET RESULTS! Recently sold...

• 25841 Ironwood Court – Sold for \$625k

24301 Bowen Court Sold for \$575k

• 28100 Cumberland Rd – Sold for \$565k
(Represented Buyers)

• 28900 Bear Valley Rd – Sold for \$900k



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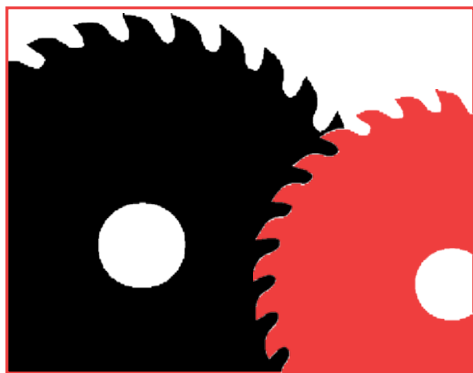


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- **BEAR VALLEY BUCKAROOS, INC.** - The Bear Valley Buckaroos are dedicated to promoting a safe, fun and authentic western way of life for individuals and families. Whether you are a seasoned hand or just starting your horse journey, we offer horsemanship activities for everyone. From Gymkhana playdays to cattle work, kids and adults are welcome to come join us. Upcoming events are shared on our FB page: Bear Valley Buckaroos or you can email us at BVSbuckaroos@gmail.com for more information.
- **BV AQUATICS CLUB** - is a group organized to advance the principles of aquatic health and fitness for BVSA as specified by the club by-laws. The club promotes responsible off-season use for recreation and fitness designated for lap swimmers and water aerobics. Contact the club via email bvaquatics2023@gmail.com.
- **BEAR VALLEY FIBER ARTS** - Meets every Friday at the Equestrian Center Lounge from 10am-Noon. We make items out of any kind of fiber. For more info. Contact Richard Merrick at 310-384-3001.
- **BVS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Carol Burdick at 661-821-0263 or at 661-972-7188 for more information.
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Contact: Ray Michalski, Commander, 661-902-1506 or Jed Hannan, Membership, 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol.com.
- **BVS VINTAGE DANCE AND TEA GROUP** - Historical English Country Dancing. All welcome! Join Facebook page or Group Me app, BVS Vintage Dance and Tea Society or call Martha (818) 442-7888.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the OTC reception room. Email: BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact President Jane Custer hanlj6@aol.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Potluck Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Equestrian Center Clubhouse. We promote safe driving and riding, good horsemanship, drive-and-ride with friends and give back to our community in a variety of ways. Join our FB page BVS Carriage Club and come to a meeting. Contact Melissa Auman 909-260-7555.
- **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.
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. For more information, email info@bvscac.org.
- **DRESSAGE** - Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: <https://bvscac.org/>. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **FOUR SEASONS 4-H** - 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm Contact: Sarah Mountjoy, sarah.mtjoy05@gmail.com.
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$15.00. Contact Tammy Reich - bvsgardenclub@gmail.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.

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CSD shields their lights

You've all noticed it: those floodlights shining straight into your eyes as you drive towards the CSD Maintenance Yard on Lower Valley Road. While they're an annoyance, we

all lived with it as necessary for all the vital functions the CSD performs to make this community work. Well, take another look. The CSD has added shields to those old floodlights!

Instead of just shining outward across the neighborhood and nature path, the light is confined to the yard where it's actually needed!

This started with email sent from the Astronomy Club to the CSD General Director, Dr. Beverli Marshall, asking what could be done to mitigate the light pollution coming from the CSD facility. A reply was received just 10 minutes later. In place of the expected typical

excuses as to why changes are difficult, costly, need studies, etc., Dr. Marshall's reply said that the lights will get "shields to redirect the light downward to reduce the light pollution" and later adding that they "certainly want to set a good example." She even went further indicating that the CSD parking lights will be turned off at night. Dr. Marshall clearly understood the problem and immediately saw and imple-

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mented a solution. To say that we were impressed and grateful doesn't even come close!

So next time you're driving along Lower Valley and suddenly realize you don't have those lights shining into your eyes, say a word of thanks to the CSD. Their effort in shielding their lights has improved this spectacular valley in which we live. Kudos to the CSD and please accept our deep thanks. The Astronomy Club hopes that this kind of thoughtful, proactive cooperation with minimizing the amount of artificial lighting we're exposed to at night can be a model for our future!



CSD Maintenance Yard before shielding their floodlights.



CSD Maintenance Yard after shielding their floodlights.

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Updated dining hours at The Oaks

Submitted by
Josh Cardwell
 Food and Beverage Director

Summer is officially here, and with it comes one of the most exciting times of the year at Bear Valley Springs. Our team is looking forward to a season filled with great food, community gatherings, special events, and the opportunity to spend time with friends, neighbors, and family.

As we prepare for a busy summer season, we would like to share a few updates regarding our dining operations. After carefully reviewing resident reservation trends, we have decided to adjust the operating hours of The Oaks Restaurant. The Oaks Restaurant will be closed on Wednesdays and will be open Thursday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are shifting our opening time for The Oaks

Restaurant from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. because the restaurant is typically much slower during the 4 p.m. hour, while the majority of our reservations begin at 5 p.m. and continue to build throughout the evening. This adjustment will allow us to better align staffing and service with resident dining preferences.

As part of this change, The Oaks Restaurant curbside dinner menu will no longer be available on Wednesdays. The Oaks Restaurant dinner menu will continue to be available Thursday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Oak Branch Saloon will continue operating under its regular schedule and will remain open Wednesday through Sunday starting at 4 p.m. each day. Residents can continue to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, beverages, and food offerings that have made the Saloon a favorite gathering place through-

out the community.

Curbside pickup for the Oak Branch Saloon menu will continue to be available Wednesday through Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., providing a convenient option for residents who wish to enjoy our menu offerings from the comfort of home.

The Mulligan Room will continue operating under its current schedule. Breakfast service begins daily at 7:30 a.m. and the restaurant will remain open through the end of dinner ser-

vice at 8 p.m. Takeout service from the Mulligan Room will continue to be available seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 7:45 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support and patronage. We truly appreciate being part of this wonderful community and look forward to sharing an exciting and successful summer with all of you. We hope to see you soon and wish you and your family a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer season. 🐾

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Photos by Sonja Bronson and Debbie Haeberle

A Celebration of Creativity: BVS Cultural Arts Association Art Show inspires and connects

Art enthusiasts are invited to gather for a remarkable exhibition that transforms the Oak Tree Country Club Banquet room into a vibrant showcase of imagination and expression. The 41st annual BVSCAA art show will take place from Sept. 12 through Sept. 20. It will feature works from established artists and, as a special section, emerging young Bear Valley Springs artists.

You'll find a stunning array of colors, textures, and artistic styles. Each piece reflects the unique perspective of its creator, offering viewers an opportunity to explore themes ranging from nature and identity to memory and social change. Each piece of art captures the beauty of the natural world and invites personal interpretation and reflection.

One of the highlights of the show is the opportunity to meet the artists themselves at the opening reception, Sept. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m., with free viewing between 6 and 8 p.m.

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CAA members may purchase tickets to the reception for \$10; non-members may purchase reception tickets for \$20. There is no charge for the remainder of the art exhibit (Sunday, Sept. 13 and Wednesday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 20, 4 to 8 p.m.).

The exhibition also serves as a reminder of the important role that art plays in building community. Families, students, collectors, and first-time visitors share the experience together, discovering new perspectives and forming connections through creative expression. The welcoming atmosphere can encourage dialogue and inspire many attendees to explore their own artistic interests. As the show concludes, visitors are left with more than memories. They can carry with them, not only beautiful, unique artwork, but also a renewed appreciation for creativity and the power of art to inspire, challenge, and unite people from all walks of life.

The art show is an exhibition of talent and a celebration of the human spirit, demonstrating that art continues to be a powerful force for connection,

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pays for heating the pool, club liability insurance, and members are required to do an orientation on pool usage and safety. The pool temperature is usually 82 degrees and the winter swimming has been wonderful. Swimming

provides many advantages for physical, cardiovascular, and mental health. Membership is \$165 for the off-season this year, 2026-2027.

Consider joining us for the required orientation and training opportunities in August and September. Orientation are Thursday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 29 at 9

a.m., and Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 a.m., followed by our annual fall club meeting on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. Check the August and September E-Buzz to verify the dates and time.

If you have any questions, please email us at bvaquatics2023@gmail.com.




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Golf Club awards scholarships

Submitted by

Jim McCormick
Oak Tree Men's Golf Club

Tehachapi High School held the annual Senior night awards in June, and the Oak Tree Men's Club financed three scholarships for \$1,000 each. The selected individuals were Rosalyn Gray, Philip Mangelsdorf, and Jane Stanley.

The graduating seniors survived a rigorous process that entailed keeping their grades

at a high level and had to be letter winners at any sport at the high school. These future leaders were selected because of the well-written descriptions of how they got to be who they are today, and because they were choosing a career in business, engineering or education.

The Oak Tree board of directors met to make extremely hard decisions about selecting from the package and taking our top picks. Each director had to familiarize themselves with each prospect, note spe-

cific details for each and try to convince the rest of the team of the reasoning behind each plus, or minus. During that process, there were several comments, like, "this is hard" or "oh, this is a really good one." We were noticing that there were no "bad" applicants. After we got used to reviewing more submittals, we noticed that grade point averages were very high, based on the number of advanced placement classes the graduating seniors had taken over the years.

Once we got into the essay section of the package for each senior applicant, we found that each of the students had found a good mentor, or someone who had a major impact on their lives. None of the review board had met any of the applicants, but now we found that we were getting to know them, developing a personality, and providing the team with a way to

refer to the person, not just the applicant. This continued to be a hard process; however, these seniors were now rising to the top, with easier choices. In the end, we were hoping to choose only two applicants, but because they were so special, we chose to award the three.

Lastly, I've never found a fabled tree where money grows. As a club, we've agreed in principle to fund \$3,000 for a scholarship, but raising funds takes the support of all the players during tournaments to make it possible. We play different games within the tournament, we raffle off prizes, hold 50/50 opportunity drawings, and accept specific donations when offered. The club members and players have been key supporting the scholarship as we fundraise.

Congratulations to Rosalyn, Philip and Jane. Good luck as they start their college careers. 🐾

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Communities can earn certification by certifying individual properties, educating and engaging residents throughout the process. These efforts support climate resiliency, urban forestry, water conservation, and beautification.

Bear Valley Springs now has a local example of this work. The BVS Garden Club installed a sign designating the Water Wise Garden as a Wildlife Habitat. During a June 20 event at the garden, club members helped dedicate the sign, which was received from the National Wildlife Federation.

The Water Wise Garden demonstrates how sustainable landscaping can provide habitat while promoting water-wise practices. It also serves as an invitation for more Bear Valley Springs residents to certify their own properties.

The Garden Club welcomes all BVS residents to visit the garden located next to the CSD parking lot. You can also learn more by becoming a member of the Bear Valley Springs Garden Club. Our contact information is bvsgardenclub@gmail.com.



com or join us at a meeting on the third Friday of the month at 2 p.m. (February through October) at the Equestrian Center Lounge. 🐾

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By the numbers, the 2026 Day of the Horse included 54 equines, 51 riders or handlers, 36 event volunteers, 54 sponsors, and more than 500 guests in attendance, and more laughter and fun than could be measured.

The BVS Horsemen's Association thank the Bear Valley Springs Association and eques-



trian center staff for use of the beautiful facility, and BVSA food service for the Pony Express Café. Tehachapi-area businesses and friends of horses stepped up significantly with sponsorships to help Day of the Horse continue to offer free family fun.

Thanks also to our many volunteers, announcer, ring crew, riders, artists, and helpers who



worked countless hours to plan and prepare for this day. We are especially thankful for, and indebted to, the horses, ponies,

donkeys, and mules who carry us and our dreams with honor and a sense of humor.



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authority to designate BVS as a golf cart community.

As part of the transportation plan, all roads in a designated golf cart community must have speed limits less than 25 mph as determined by an engineering and traffic survey. The recent survey only identified two roads with 25 mph speed limits.

3. Why are all District roads not designated as residential with 25 mph speed limits?

According to CVC section 515, a residential district is a

section of road that, within a quarter of a mile, has at least 13 contiguous properties with dwelling units or business structures on one side or 16 contiguous properties on both sides of the road. Since many District roads have empty lots within quarter-mile segments, this lowers the density and prevents BVS roads from being classified as residential.

District roads that do not qualify as residential because of low density are instead classified as rural. The CVC default speed on rural roads is 55 mph,

well above the golf cart, LSV, and NEV limits. To set speed limits other than the default, the District conducts an engineering and traffic survey every seven years. The most recent survey was conducted earlier this year, and new speed limits were adopted on some roads as a result. However, not all District roads were included in the current and past studies due to cost.

4. Why did the District decide to begin enforcing the code now when it hasn't before?

The District determined that it was in the best interest of the community to enforce the District Code related to golf carts and unregistered vehicles on its roads for safety reasons and to reduce liability. Allowing these vehicles on District roads is concerning because they can be modified to go faster than 25 mph.

The common misperception is that, because these vehicles travel at a slower speed than a traditional automobile, they

are safer. These are still motorized vehicles that travel at speeds that can cause serious injuries in an accident.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we take steps to make our roads safer for all members of our community. 🐾

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Road Rehabilitation Project. The CSD has budgeted \$10.5 million for Capital Improvements in Fiscal Year 2026/2027, which is separate from the operating budget. The vast majority of those funds are dedicated to the Bear Valley Road project. Those funds are being drawn from reserves that were previously set aside for capital projects.

To view the full budget, including department-by-department spending and specific details on budget reductions, visit bvcsd.org. 🐾

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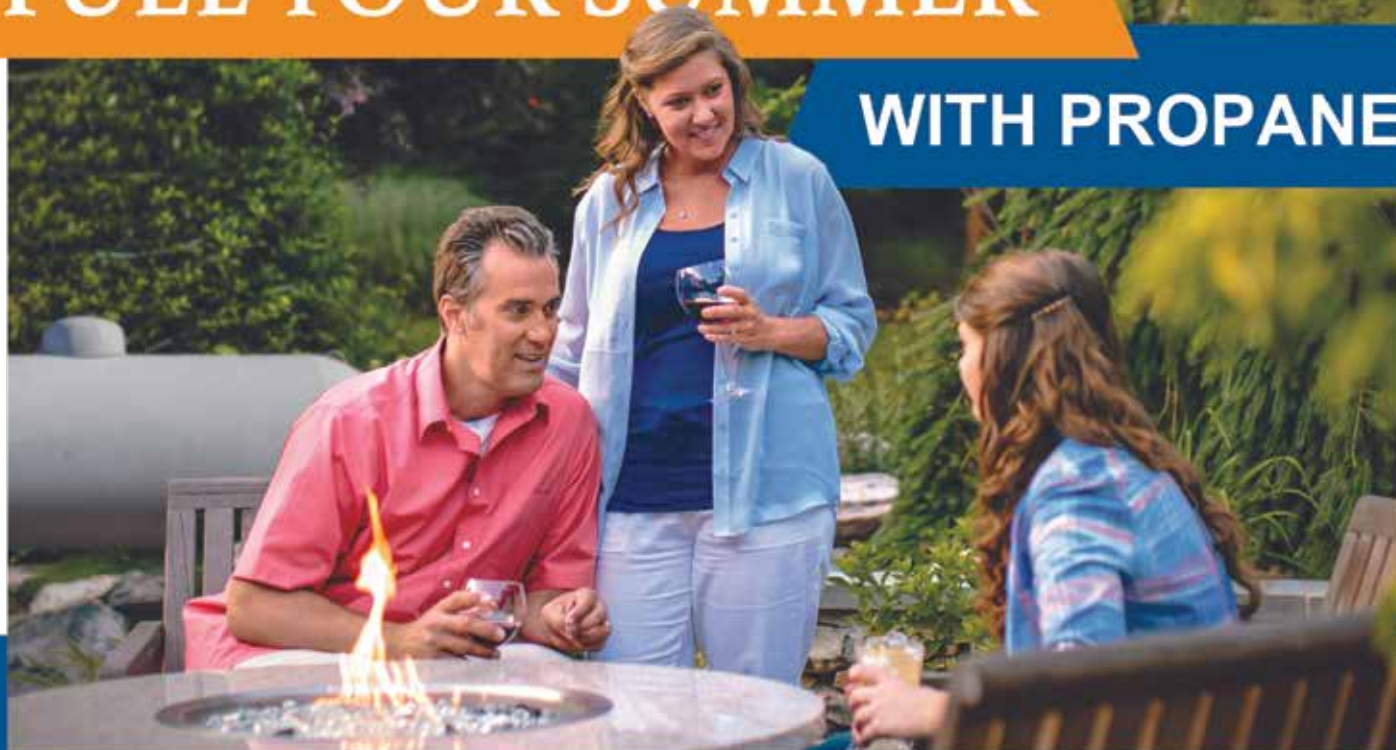
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