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General Manager's Message

Dear Bear Valley Springs Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very happy and safe holiday season! With a new year upon us, I wanted to take this moment to update everyone on some of our progress with the aesthetic improvements and clean up

as we head into winter. Please read through my update and the *Bear Tracks* magazine to find out what's going on in the month of January!

Property Clean Up – Since my last article, we have been very busy cleaning up the unsightly debris, junk, old equipment, and general clutter that

has accumulated throughout the property. We will continue to clean out all the overgrown and poorly maintained planter beds, adding mulch as needed, to give the amenities a fresh look that will be maintained that way in the future. We have made significant progress at the Equestrian Center, Lakes, Whiting Center, and Country Club. There are still many planter beds, entrances and common areas that need to be cleaned up. We will get to them over the next few months and add new plants as time and weather permits. Below are just a few examples of our progress throughout the property.

Capital Reserves/ Improvements/ Replacements – As part of our fiduciary responsibilities to maintain the amenities, we will be having Association Reserves conduct a new



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General Manager/COO

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30-year reserve study for Bear Valley Springs Association. Once the reserve study is complete, we will have a better understanding of future costs to properly maintain the facilities and equipment in the future.

Once the reserve study is complete, we will be able to identify the repairs/ improvements/ replacements for 2024 and beyond. In January, our focus is trying to finalize the

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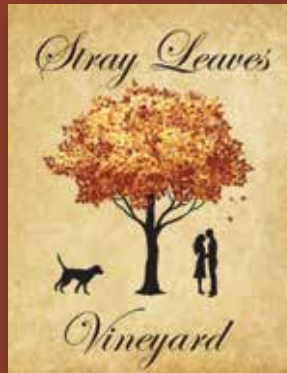
In wisdom, power is not given lightly but awarded to those who are willing to carry the responsibility in a balanced manner. Wisdom comes from compassion, caring, teaching, loving, and sharing your gifts, talents and abilities, which is the gateway to power.

"Horse Power" will be on display at the Mulligan room in BVS for the month of January

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BVS Employee Service Awards and Board of Director updates

Submitted by
Guy Munday
BVSA Board
President

At the Bear Valley Springs Association, we realize that our employees are some of the greatest resources in the valley. In October, we were delighted to honor eleven employees for their combined 90 years of service and commitment to this community and to BVSA specifically.

On behalf of the BVSA Board of Directors and the management team, we would like to recognize the following recipients 2023 service awards; True-Richardson, Ashley (Mulligan Room) 5 years; Ruth, Dean (OTCC) 5 years; Bravo, Jessica (OTCC) 5 years; Sanders, Zachary (Mulligan Room) 5 years; Sharp, Samuel (Recreation) 5 years; Beiswenger, Dominique (Admin) 5 years; Fuller, Julie (Admin) 5 years; Hoyt, Carrie (Mulligan Room) 15 years;

Reyes, Flaviano (Janitorial) 35 years; Gibson, Ray (IGM) 10 years; Siewert, Steve (IGM) 10 years.

Food and Beverage highlights: Thanksgiving was an overwhelming success. We served 425 customers for the buffet, and the 165 curbside meals, totaling 585 meals. This is over 100 meals more than we served last year. Many thanks to the food and beverage management team lead by Ashley Brown, Jennifer Villanueva, Chef Jackie, and Sous Chef Olivia. And a special shout out to all of our servers.

As of the end of December, 225 escrows were processed by BVSA in 2023. We welcome new members to our gem of a community and hope you will get involved in the many clubs, com-



mittees, activities, and volunteer opportunities within BVS.

The BVSA Board of Directors is grateful to the staff and volunteers who helped make 2023 a successful year. We are looking forward to continue to serve our wonderful community in 2024.



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Why should you care about Yellow Starthistle?

Submitted by
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Yellow Starthistle (YST) is a highly invasive plant that is widespread in Bear Valley Springs. It can be found at all elevations where it reduces property desirability by interfering with land use. This species has overwhelmed millions of acres of land in California, forming dense infestations that are deadly to horses, choking out native plants, reducing species diversity, interrupting balance in the ecosystem, and reducing forage availability for wildlife. Here in BVS, it is particularly prevalent on private properties on the valley floor. It has spread onto the trail easements caus-



ing hikers and horseback riders to inadvertently contact seeds and carry them to other areas.

PROFILE OF AN INVADER

As the rainy season approaches, hundreds of thousands of seeds lie in the soil waiting for the opportunity to germinate. Each plant can produce about 30,000 seeds per square meter, over 95%

of which are viable. The YST germinates from fall through spring. Each plant sends a few leaves to the surface to gather sunlight, while most of its energy is spent sending roots several feet into the soil.

In late spring, the seedlings proliferate into sprawling, gray-green plants ranging from

6-inches to 5-feet in height. In early summer, they remain green when other plants are golden. The deep root system developed during the rainy season allows these plants to grow long after native species have "dried down." A loose, cotton-like substance coats the

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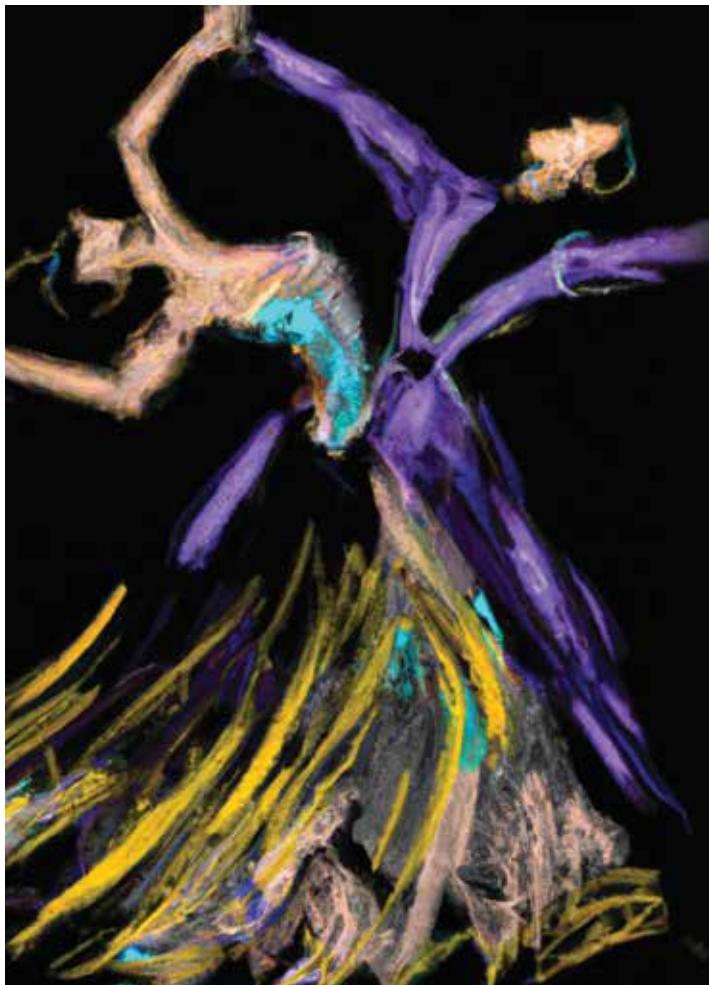
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Can your home withstand a wildfire?

Submitted by
**BVS Community
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Wildfire is a part of the natural cycle in California and is essential to most ecosystems' health. Fire causes our closed-cone conifer seeds to germinate by clearing underbrush, and allowing water and sunlight access to the forest floor. This allows plant life to regenerate and provide food for many wildlife

species. The ash left behind by a fire also supplies nutrients to the soil.

Although beneficial for our environment, wildfire poses a severe threat to our homes. We can increase our safety by preparing well ahead of fire season.

WILDFIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME IN THREE WAYS:

Contact by Flames: Vegetation and other fuels burning

near the house produce flames that directly contact the home and ignite it.

Radiated Heat: Radiant heat is produced by invisible heat waves traveling from a flame. Enough radiant heat can ignite a home or break windows that allow embers to enter the house and ignite it from the inside.

Flying Embers: Embers are the number one cause of home ignition during a wildfire. The winds created by the fire's heat can transport embers long distances – in some cases, a mile or more. When they land in easily ignitable materials on or near a home, a fire begins.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

Create a buffer zone 100 feet around your home to slow or halt the spread of wildfire. This buffer zone will protect your home against igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat.

- Create a defensible space of 100 feet around your home by clearing weeds, brush, and other vegetation and cutting grass to a maximum height of four inches. Cut weeds and grass before 10 a.m. when temperatures are cooler to reduce the chance of sparking a fire.

- Trim branches and limbs six to ten feet off the ground and a minimum of 10 feet away from structures and other trees

- Clear leaves and debris from your roof, eaves, and rain gutters

- Remove combustible ma-

terials from around and under decks

- Keep woodpiles, propane tanks, and other combustible materials away from your home and other structures.

HARDENING YOUR HOME AGAINST WILDFIRE

As you repair, replace, or remodel, consider using fire-retardant materials to help your home resist radiant heat and embers.

- When replacing your roof, use ignition-resistant materials such as composition, metal, or tile. Block any spaces between the roof decking and covering to prevent ember intrusion.

- Replace older vents with more modern vents designed to prevent intrusions by flying embers. All vent openings should be covered with ¼-inch metal mesh. Attic vents in eaves or cornices or should be baffled to prevent intrusion – mesh is not enough.

- Replace windows with dual-paned tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakage in a fire.

- Decks and surfaces within 10 feet of the building should be built with ignition-resistant, non-combustible, or other fire-safe materials.

- Install weather stripping around and under doorways to prevent ember intrusion.

- Replace wood siding and shingles with ignition-resistant

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**Bear Valley Springs
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Look up into the night sky and notice all the stars shining a cool white. Now look a little closer and you'll see that some stars appear somewhat amber while others a bit bluish. That's not some trick of your eye. Stars actually do have color! The color depicts the star's temperature. Think of an old-style electric stove burner heating. It starts glowing a ruddy red. As it gets hotter, the color shifts to or-

ange then yellow and eventually a "white-hot" blue. Measuring a star's color tells astronomers its surface temperature. Astrophysicists in the 20th century discovered a direct correlation between the temperature and mass of normal stars.

The most massive blue giant stars have so much gravity crushing down and heating their cores that they burn through their nuclear fuel at a prodigious rate leading to a brilliant bright, exceedingly hot blue star. Such a star might exist for only a million years before

exploding in a colossal supernova explosion and enriching the galaxy with the heavy elements cooked up in its nuclear core caldrons. On the other hand, small, dim, red dwarf stars have less gravitational pressure causing the star to "burn" through its store of hydrogen fuel much more slowly resulting in a lower energy, cooler, redder star that can continue burning for up to half a trillion years – much longer than the age of the Universe! No red dwarf star has yet extinguished its nuclear fuel. Once they do, they will simply shut

down becoming slowly cooling inert stellar corpses.

Our Sun is a typical mid-range yellow star. Its core will have converted all its hydrogen to helium in about 4.5 billion years. When it does, the core will shut down and, without being supported by the energy radiating from the fusion reactions, will collapse. The collapse will compress and heat the core until the helium begins fusing into carbon. This will release so much energy that the outer atmosphere will cool as it's pushed outward to about the distance of the Earth. The Sun will have become a red giant. Once all the helium has fused into carbon, the core will again shut down and collapse. Without sufficient gravitational heating to ignite further fusion reactions, it will become a white dwarf where the carbon atoms are squeezed until they're essentially in contact and take on a crystalline configuration. Our Sun will thus end as a kind of planet sized diamond! 🍷

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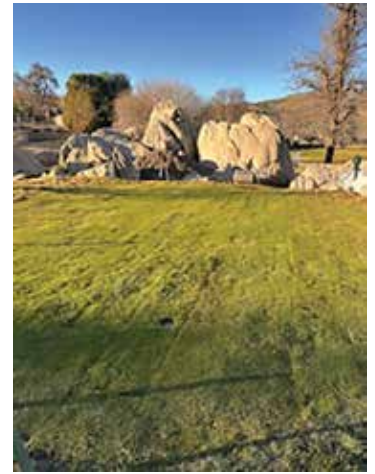
Oak Tree Golf Course update

The International Golf Maintenance team has been working on the back nine yellow number 13 tee box. It needed work done, including resurfacing, for the past few seasons. It has been put off due to other projects that were more pressing, both on and off the golf course.

Early last spring, we had planned to resurface the tee box, plant seed and help fill in the sod, but Mother Nature had different ideas. We had such a great winter, full of record rain and snow; the valley was overwhelmed with springtime growth. Even taking one day off from regular course maintenance to work on a side project would put us behind the score card.

This past November, we decided to take advantage of the weather and available staff to resurface and sod the tee box. We floated about eight inches of new soil and course sand

on the tee and then harvested sod from number 9 fairway. In spring, we will use the cores that we pull from aerification to replant the harvested sod. Weather pending, we hope to open the tee box soon. In the meantime, we have an alternate set up for the yellow tees. The golf maintenance team hopes this project will be the stepping stone for more projects like this in the future. 🐾



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- **PONY CLUB** - The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.
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- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** - Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

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- **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** - Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bvlqac@gmail.com
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- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
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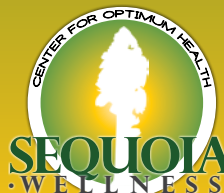
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Tailwaggers hold second annual Photos With Your Pups event

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of taking pictures. Everyone pitched in with what needed to be done on the day of the event. Jane Tanaka showed up on the 18th to set up the refreshment table, which doubled for lunch for most of the organizers.

Accompanying the article are two examples of how beautiful the pictures turned out. We

hope all those who were unable to participate this year will be

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Pam Miller and her two dogs



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all community assets. They address issues, plan, prepare and work with their local government agencies, fire services, and citizenry to reduce their risk if a wildfire comes their way" (Ingram, K. (2015, April 10). Becoming a fire-adapted

community. Retrieved January 30, 2020, from <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=17201>)

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- *Sit & Fit/MwM Move W/ Margaret: Free Class*
- *HIIT W/ Caitlyn: First Class Free, \$45 for 10 Classes*
- *Rise W/ Rodes: First Class Free, \$45 for the month*

Monday

9:15-10:15 AM HIIT W/ Caitlyn
10:30-11:15 AM Sit & Fit W/ Margaret

Tuesday

9:15-10:15 AM Rise W/ Rodes
10:30-11:15 AM Sit & Fit W/ Margaret

Wednesday

9:15-10:15 AM HIIT W/ Caitlyn
10:30-11:15 AM Sit & Fit W/ Margaret

Thursday

9:15-10:15 AM Rise W/ Rodes

Friday

9:15-10:15 AM HIIT W/ Caitlyn
11:30-12 PM Rise W/ Rodes

SIT & FIT/ MwM Move W/ Margaret:

Senior Fitness Class! Come on in and keep moving with Margaret! There is a chair option and a standing one. Good health in all categories of physical fitness—heart and respiratory, muscle strengthening, flexibility, and balance. This is a great 45-minute class

HIIT W/ Caitlyn: High Intensity Interval Training

Whether you max 50 lb or 2 lb dumbbells, this class is for you!

You will improve your health during this one-hour class, including strength training and cardio.

Come and join me for some sweat and smiles! Any age and fitness level is welcome!

Modifications will be made for diverse fitness levels.

What to bring: a set of dumbbells (weights), a yoga mat, or a large towel.

Starting 1st Week of December RISE WITH RODES: TUES/ THUR WORKOUT:

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January Events Whiting Center



Sports

- Hockey games - League play Jan. 6th - March 9th
- 2024 Soccer Sign-ups Jan. 7th - March 3rd
- 6 under resident fee \$90 non-resident \$120
- 7 and up resident fee \$150, non-resident \$180
 - Late Fees Feb. 18th - March 3rd:

Events

Add \$15 for residents \$30 for non-resident

- Vets Bingo - Sat. Jan. 6th doors open at 12:30, games begin at 1 pm
- Cornhole Tournament- Sat. Jan 27th
 - Register on Rec Desk two-person team min. 5 max teams 20
 - \$50 resident \$60 non-resident
 - Check-in at 3 pm. Late registrations are taken until 3:45 pm. Games start at 4 pm
 - Jesus Tacos Food Truck - Food and drinks for purchase

Tehachapi Early Release

- Wed. Jan 10th Pickle Ball Clinic- The BVSA Pickleball Club will be coming in to give a youth clinic free of charge.
- Wed. Jan 24th- Musical Chairs/Dodgeball

Exercise Classes

- H.I.I.T , Move it with Margaret, Rise with Rhodes:
SEE FLYER FOR TIMES AND DAYS



TIME TO UPDATE!

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PROJECT HOPE



We may live in a small community in terms of population, but man can we raise money when given a worthy cause! As a member of Tailwaggers and a very proud sponsor / volunteer of this project, I am reaching out to our community to offer an opportunity to everyone to start 2024 off with our cups filled with the joy that comes from helping less fortunate animals.

Recently the Tailwaggers "adopted" the underfunded and understaffed City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center (Mt. Vernon location.) In an effort to transform this facility, the project is being done in phases. So far the goal to buy 100 "Shelter Kuranda Dog Beds (at a cost of approx \$120 per bed) has been met! Yes! Talk about a miracle!

COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION:

The needs are not just monetary...you can make a huge difference by giving your time and attention/affection as well.

- Volunteers needed for shelter, dog walking, etc.
- Fostering dogs while waiting for their forever home.
- Donations (always welcome!)
- Helping find forever homes ❤️

Our efforts thus far have been nothing short of a miracle, but there is more needed to make a difference for these animals. If you would like more information on how to join us in this exciting and fulfilling mission, please text or call me, Beth Hall 661 699-2855 or email Beth@BethHallRealEstate.com.

Let us make 2024 the year we all pull together & create a new story for these dogs...we can do it!

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AGES 6 AND
UNDER- \$120**

**RESIDENTS AGES
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AGES 7 AND UP-
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RESIDENTS - \$15 LATE FEE / NON-RESIDENTS - \$30 LATE FEE

Equipment Required: Black Shorts (No Pockets), Shin Guards,
Athletic Shoes or Soccer Cleats (No metal cleats, toe spikes,
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- Sign ups are January 7th - March 3rd
- Late Fee is February 18th - March 3rd

***Evaluations will be March 9th!**

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League Starts: April 6th

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**TEXT OF PROPOSED
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(Deletions shown in ~~strikethrough type~~ and additions in **boldface underlined** type)

**ARTICLE 3
GENERAL RULES
FOR AMENITIES AND
FACILITIES
OPERATED BY THE
ASSOCIATION**

(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 300. ACCIDENTS

An accident at any amenity must be reported to the respective ~~Amenity Manager~~ **Designated Supervisor** at the time of the accident.

**SECTION 301.
ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES**

(a) The sole and specific direction of Association employees is vested in the Association through its General Manager, and its duly authorized ~~Facility Managers~~ **Designated Supervisor**.
(Adopted 10/20/07, effective 12-10-07)

(b) Neither individual Members nor their guests shall have any jurisdiction over employees of the Association.

**SECTION 302. BULLETIN
BOARDS**

Association bulletin boards are provided for general notices, Association business, and announcements of management. No other notices shall be posted on these boards.

Subdivisions (b) & (c)
(Repealed, effective 4/10/08)

**SECTION 303. EMERGENCY
CARE – MINORS – (Repealed,
effective 12/10/10)**

**SECTION 304. HOURS OF
OPERATION**

(a) All amenities and facilities operated by the Association are kept open during days and hours determined by the Board of Directors.

(b) Operating times are subject to change without prior notice and any changes shall be posted immediately ~~on a bulletin board~~ at the amenity.

**SECTION 305. USE
PRIVILEGE CARDS**

(a) The Association will issue Use Privilege Cards to New Members and their immediate family, as defined in Art.3, section 305, par.(o) upon application and presentation of evidence of eligibility for membership in the form of a recorded grant deed or a currently effective title insurance policy on property within Bear Valley Springs (BVS), a valid State of California Real I.D., a valid State of California Driver's License, or a recent utility bill showing that the individual(s) listed are the owner(s). On-line applications for a change of address requests from the California Department of Motor Vehicles will not be accepted as proof of residency. Issuance of Use Privilege cards is limited to a family unit living at the same residence. Children over the age of twenty-six years ~~will~~ will not be issued amenity cards and will be considered an additional family. Any request for additional cards will be made in writing outlining justification and submitted to the BVSA Board of Directors for review and a response will be made within thirty days of receipt for approval or denial of said request. *(Amended 4/25/23)*.

(b) (1) If more than one person owns a lot or condominium, all of the owners are deemed one Membership, pursuant to Par. 11b(2) of the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs).

(2) Pursuant to Art. VII, Sec. 2 of the Association Bylaws, the persons included in the Membership have the right to designate the members of one

single family residing together who may use the Community Facilities and Common Areas in BVS. *(Amended 11/21/88)*

(c) Designation of family members must be made on an application form provided by the Association and is subject to the Association's verification that the information provided by the Membership qualifies the persons designated as family members.

(d) (1) Use Privilege Cards will be issued to the persons designated by the Membership and found to be qualified family members by the Association.

(2) Minor children ages nine (9) and older who are ~~residing~~ **residing** in the household of the designated family unit on a permanent basis are eligible for an amenities card. The minor children of parents, who are divorced or separated and who have been awarded their joint physical custody as defined in Family Code Section 3004, are deemed to reside with each parent.

(e) Applications for changes in the designated family and family members may be made to the Association upon surrender of the Use Privilege Cards issued to that Membership. *(Amended 1/27/01)*

(f) Residences, residential lots, condominiums and condominium lots are intended to be used for residential purposes only. Short-term rentals or leases (less than thirty (30) consecutive days) **at any one time** negatively impact Association resources, resulting in undue costs and liability for the Association, and therefore, are disallowed. This includes Air BNB's, VRBO, or any other vacation, weekend, or short-term rentals. *(Added 10/10/15; Amended 07/10/18)*

(g) Members who assign their rights to a tenant who is occupying the complete primary residence must immediately surrender their Use Privilege Cards and give the Association written notice of the assignment and the names of the tenant and the tenant's family qualifying

for a Use Privilege Card. Upon termination of the tenancy, the Association will return or replace the Member's Use Privilege Card upon application by the Member. The Member should make every effort to ensure that the cards issued to tenants and their families are returned to the Association Office upon termination of the tenancy. *(Amended 10/1/2021)*

(1) Use Privilege Cards will not be issued to tenants who have not been assigned use privilege rights by Members as provided in Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

(2) A non-refundable deposit, in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule, must be deposited for each card before issuance of the cards. *(Amended 11/16/91; 08/10/11; 07/10/18)*

(3) Tenants who have been assigned use privilege rights by Members must obtain Use Privilege Cards from the Association in order to use Community Facilities and Common Areas. Their use of the Community Facilities and Common Areas as guests of Members or other tenants will not be permitted.

(4) Property Owners who have an Environmental Control Committee (ECC) approved Accessory Dwelling Unit/Guesthouse **ADU** and/or Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit **JADU** may assign up to two amenity cards per approved unit to tenants. A completed application by the Member with accompanying lease verifying that the rental is thirty (30) consecutive days or longer in length and an annual fee (or prorated amount of the annual fee), in accordance with the BVSA Fee schedule, must be paid for each card before issuance. The annual fee per card will then be charged to the Property Owner each fiscal year with the annual assessments until the Association is informed in writing of termination of the tenancy.

(5) Occupants, Tenants and all who have been assigned

use privileges who have violated the BVSA Rules, ECC Rules or other Bear Valley Springs governing documents will be subject to loss of amenity privileges as determined by the Board of Directors and will be required to surrender their amenity cards

(Added 2/21/98)

(Amended 11/21/88) (Added 10/10/19) (Added 6/1/2021)

(h) Upon sale, exchange or transfer of a Member's lot or condominium, the Member must surrender to the Association the Use Privilege Cards outstanding on that property. Upon failure to return the card(s), the Association may impose a fee in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule for each card, issued with respect to the Member's property, which is not returned to the Association. This fee may be collected through the sale, exchange or transfer escrow or any other means provided by law. *(Amended 5/15/99; 08/10/11)*

(i) Use of BVS Community Facilities and Common Areas is limited to persons qualifying for Use Privilege Cards or Guest Passes. The Association shall require production of the card or pass prior to use of any facility. Persons operating a business on their BVS property may not extend use of BVSA common areas, facilities or amenities to outside persons as a component of their commercial enterprise.

A. Due to the unique use of the Mulligan Room (a food establishment) and in accordance with the C&R's section 7.f.(1) sub-section a-e. The Mulligan Room will be exempt from this rule allowing anyone with a valid gate pass to patronize without showing an amenity card or guest pass. *(Added 06/01/19)*

(j) Lost, stolen or destroyed cards will be replaced by the Association upon payment of a processing charge in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule and execution of an affidavit of loss,

theft or destruction. *(Amended 3/10/11)*

(k) Multiple owners of lots or condominiums who do not qualify as a family as defined by subdivision (n), and who acquired their property prior to September 19, 1987, are entitled to receive no more than six use Privilege Cards.

(Amended 7/10/09)

(l) An individual or a husband and wife who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate, for each lot or condominium owned, one single family related to the owners by blood or marriage, residing together, who may use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.

(m) ~~(1) Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives~~ natural persons who own a single lot or condominium ~~may~~ shall designate one single family residing together who may use the Common areas and Community Facilities. *(Added 7/18/98)*

(2) Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate for each lot or condominium owned, one single family residing together who may use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.

(n) The term "person," as ~~used in subdivision (l), means~~ any includes a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, trust or other entity recognized by the laws of the State of California. *(Amended 7/18/98)*

(o) The term "family" as used in the section means an individual or two or more individuals related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, or a group of individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit on a permanent basis, and all having equal access to all areas of the lot or condominium. *(Added 12/16/8; Amended 9-10-08; 7-10-09)*

(p) Notwithstanding any

other provision of these Rules, in no event shall a Member whose use privilege rights have been suspended, in whole or in part, for any reason, including but not limited to the nonpayment of assessments, be entitled to use or enjoy the Common Areas or Community Facilities during the period of any such suspension. Any attempt by a Member in good standing to designate such suspended Member as a person qualified to hold or exercise such use privilege rights shall be null and void. *(Added 7/20/96)*

(Renumbered (f) – (p) 10/10/15)

SECTION 306. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) All amenities and facilities operated by the Association are used by Members, their families their guests, and their tenants at their individual risk. *(Amended 06/02/15)*

(b) At all times, Members are responsible for their own conduct, acts and omissions as well as those of their families, guests, tenants, licensees or invitees and any reference in this Article to the conduct, ~~acts~~ acts and omissions of Members includes that of their families, guests, tenants, licensees or invitees. Courtesy, good conduct, and decorum must be observed at every BVSA Amenity, at all times. The ~~Amenity Manager~~ Designated Supervisor is the sole judge of what constitutes good conduct. *(Amended 10/1/2021)*

(c) Members are responsible for their guests and tenants. This includes guests' and tenants' family members while on Association premises. This responsibility includes guests' and tenants' observance of the Governing Documents. ~~Further, Members are responsible for any credit charges incurred by their guests.~~ *(Amended 8/10/08; 4/10/11)*

(d) A Use Privilege Card or cash deposit, or both, may be required to check out

Association equipment. The Board will establish any cash deposit amounts. Upon the return of Association equipment in good condition, any deposit or Card will be returned.

(e) Conduct at Association facilities, amenities or common areas that poses 1) an immediate and unreasonable infringement of, or threat to, the safety or quiet enjoyment of other Members and their guests, (2) a traffic or fire hazard, or (3) a threat of material damage or destruction of other property, is prohibited.

(Added 4/10/13)

(f) Any Member who defaces injures or destroys Association property is liable for its full value and is subject to any further actions the Board may take. Should guests or tenants of a Member deface, injure or destroy Association property, the Member is ultimately liable for the damage. *(Amended 4/10/11)*

(g) Any dog or other pet must be restrained by leash while at any recreational facility operated by the Association. Pets of any kind may be prohibited at some amenities, even if on leashes.

(h) All trash, debris and garbage must be placed in proper receptacles provided for it.

(i) No person under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs shall be allowed to enter or to remain in any ~~community facility~~ Amenity operated by the Association.

(Added 9/24/94) [Ref: District Ordinance No. 94-95, Sec. 1.06]

(j) A Member whose use privilege rights for the use of one or more ~~Community Facilities~~ Amenities or Common Areas have been suspended may not use those facilities or areas as the guest of a Member in good standing or as the guest of a tenant who has been issued a Use Privilege Card. *(Added 2/21/98)*

(k) The use of any projectile device, specifically, but not limited to firearms, bows and arrows, ~~bee-bee~~ BB

guns, paint-ball weapons, etc. is prohibited in or on Bear Valley Springs' facilities, common areas and easements, with the exception of the shooting and archery range. *(Added 9/10/12)*

SECTION 307. GUEST PASSES

(a) Guest passes will be required only for guests who are not accompanied by a Member or an adult (18 and over) member of the family of a Member. *(Amended 02/10/17)*

(b) The term "Member" is defined in Article I, Section 14 of the Association Bylaws and includes, for purposes of use of Common Facilities only, a tenant assignee of a Member under the provisions of Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws. *(Amended 1/27/01)*

(c) Guest passes may be picked up at Oak Tree Country Club and the Whiting Center during the times established by the Board and posted at those locations, or at the Administrative Office during business hours upon written request. *(Amended 12/15/01)*

(d) The types of Guest Passes are: (maximum outstanding: 4 per lot)

(1) Daily

(2) Long-Term

(maximum of two weeks)

Requests for long-term guest passes must be in written form and include a statement of need for this pass.

(1) Sports Pass

A BVSA Member in good standing or a Bear Valley adult resident with current amenity use privileges may sponsor up to 4 guests and limited spectators to participate in and spectate an approved Association Sports League, following the procedure as set forth in Section 307 (e). The Sports Pass will be generated during the sports league sign-up process. The Member is responsible for the guest as outlined in Section 306. The guest participant will pay all league and guest fees. This

pass will grant entrance only to that part of the facility intended for the sport in which the guest participant and limited spectators are enrolled and is only to be used for the enrolled sports league. This is a limited entry pass. The duration of the pass will be for the length of the particular sports season, but will be revoked if the guest leaves the sports program or violates any Association Rules or Sports Code of Conduct or if the sponsoring Member/renter loses amenity privileges.

(4) Grandchild Pass

A BVSA Member in good standing or a Bear Valley adult resident with current amenity use privileges may sponsor up to 4 immediate family grandchildren between the ages of six and seventeen in any two-week period of time as set forth in Section 307 (e). The two-week complimentary grandchild pass may be renewed one (1) time for a total of four (4) weeks per calendar year per grandchild. After four (4) weeks the Member will pay guest fees for the grandchild as per the current fee schedule. Grandchild passes will only be issued at the Association office. Member is responsible for the grandchild as outlined in Section 306. Grandchild pass will be revoked if the guest violates any Association Rules or Code of Conduct or if the sponsoring Grandparent Member/Renter loses amenity privileges. *(Added 02/10/17; Amended 04/25/19)*

(e) The procedure for issuance of guest passes is as follows:

(1) The Member must present a valid Use Privilege Card to the Association employee issuing passes. Membership will be verified from current alpha lists or other records of the Association.

(2) Each guest pass issued will include the expiration date and the name of each guest over age nine and each grandchild pass issued will include the expiration date and the name and birthdate of each guest between the ages of six and seventeen. The Member

must sign for each pass, noting their tract and lot numbers and acknowledge responsibility for the guest. *(Amended 02/10/17)*

(3) Passes

requested in person by Members may be taken by the Member at that time or may be picked up at the Country Club or Whiting Center by the guest.

(4) Passes

requested by mail may be picked up at the Administration Office by the Member or guest upon proper identification

(5) Guest passes

may not be requested by phone.

(6) Any request for a variance from this guest pass procedure must be submitted in writing to the Association Office for approval, by the General Manager and Amenity Manager. *(Amended 1/27/01; 12/10/10)*

SECTION 308.

ENFORCEMENT

(a) The Association Board urges all Members, their families and their guests to comply with these Rules.

(b) The Association Amenity Managers and General Manager have the authority to assure compliance with Association Rules and the Board may enforce them by fine or by suspension of the privileges of use after notice and hearing as set forth in Article 17.

(c) The Association President, General Manager and any Amenity Manager may also call for assistance from the Community Services District Police Department should assistance be deemed necessary to enforce these Rules.

(d) These Rules, where applicable, shall also be enforced as provided in District Ordinance 94-95. *(Added 9/24/94)*

SECTION 309. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USE AT AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

(a) No group may sell alcoholic beverages not provided

by the Association in any amenity or facility operated by the Association.

(b) Persons or organizations wishing to use amenities for private parties may provide alcoholic beverages free of charge to those attending, providing the Association does not have a bar outlet open and operating in this area; for example, a group using the Golf Shop must do so when the bar is closed if they wish to provide complimentary alcoholic beverages. However, Association recognized groups must provide alcoholic beverages free of charge when a bar is open in the area covered by the Association's liquor license with the stipulation that the beverages are served by an Association employee at an hourly rate as established from time to time by the General Manager. *(Amended 12/10/07; 12/10/12)*

(c) Request for the Association to provide bar service at an amenity must be received 30 days in advance so the proper arrangements can be made with the State Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Activities at the Golf Pro Shop and Oak Tree Country Club are excluded from this 30-day notification requirement.

(d) When the Association provides a bar to sell alcoholic beverages, pricing will be consistent with those prices in effect at the Oak Tree Country Club. At times, due to factors such as a lack of a register or trained personnel, the Country Club has a two- or three-price structure for drinks at the Country Club to facilitate prompt service. In such cases, prices for any type drink will never be reduced below the pricing being charged for domestic beer at the Country Club.

(e) Any exception under this section must be approved by the Association Board.

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plans for the Mulligan Room kitchen expansion. We are still running into numerous permitting issues and the unrealized costs associated with the expansion. We will keep everyone posted with the status of the project as we get more information.

In closing, we will continue to work very hard to improve BVSA. Please go to the Whiting Center and make sure your

e-mail address is activated in Rec Desk. I will be using Rec Desk to send out weekly updates as needed to provide all residents with useful and informative information.

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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Storage area before and after



Administration storage before and after



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rigid, blue-green stems and leaves, giving them a grayish cast. The bright yellow flower heads are unmistakable, identified by hard, sharp spikes up to 2" in length.

PHYSICAL CONTROL

YST is best removed by cutting it off at or below ground level. It is safe to allow the plants to decompose on the ground if cut before they have flowered. After flowering, they must be carefully collected onto a tarp to prevent seed dispersal. Disposal facilities for flowering plants are available at the CSD's Yellow Starthistle burn pit, located at the solid waste transfer station.

Mowing will control YST provided it is well-timed and used on plants that are nearly mature but not flowering. Mowing the early growth stages accelerates the regrowth of YST by increasing light penetration to the lower levels of the plant. The deep taproot enables the plant to regenerate itself, often branching and flowering below mower height. Mowing a plant

that is in flower will spread the seed over a wider area.

Sheep, cattle, and goats are effective when allowed to graze YST before the flowering stage. Intensive grazing in May and June, using large numbers of animals for a short duration, can reduce the plants' seed production. Avoid overgrazing, as reducing the competitive species around the YST will encourage regrowth of the YST.

CHEMICAL CONTROL

Aminopyralid and clopyralid are growth regulator herbicides for use in non-crop areas, including rangeland and pastures. Unlike other growth regulator herbicides, these are effective on YST, both post-emergence and pre-emergence. The most effective timing for aminopyralid application is from December to March when the plants range from seedling to rosette in size; its soil residual should last until the end of the rainy season. Clopyralid has a shorter soil residual, so the ideal application window is from January to March.

REVEGETATION

Once the YST has is con-



trolled, revegetation is necessary to prevent regrowth. Plant species used depend on the location and intended use of the land. Pastures should utilize fast-growing, competitive grass species. Grasses are best because the selective herbicides used on YST will not damage grasses. Native wildflower species are suitable for areas around the home. In all instances, choose species that are suited for the site and will grow well.

Success depends upon all property owners striving to get this invasive species under control. The BVCSD and BVSA each have a control plan for easements and public lands, but property owners are re-

sponsible for abatement within their property lines. Without cooperation and consistent elimination, this persistent invader will continue to spread and have a detrimental effect on land use and desirability.

The Bear Valley CSD staff are happy to be of assistance if you have any questions. We are here to serve our community, and we will work hard to maintain the quality of life that can only be found in our beautiful valley. You can contact us at 661-821-4428, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 🐾

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Make a Plan



THE GOAL: Understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.

Disasters change things. When an emergency happens you may have to decide what to do very quickly, while you are worrying about what might happen. By planning ahead, it will be easier to make the right decisions when the worst happens.

»» CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

☐ **Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.**

It is important to know what types of disasters can happen where you are. Is your home in a floodplain? Are you in an area that has earthquakes? When are tornadoes most likely to happen? Knowing what disasters could happen can help you know how to be prepared and what to do. Contact your local American Red Cross or emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.

Meet with your family or household members. Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

TALKING ABOUT DISASTERS

Talking about disasters can be scary, especially with children, or with someone who may have difficulty coping with daily life. Be open and positive. The unknown often causes more anxiety than knowing the facts. Listen to what the individual has to say, learn how they feel and what they may be afraid of. Older people and people with disabilities may worry that asking for help during a disaster will take away their independence. Talk about different options for assistance and make a plan with them.

Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.

Once you know what disasters could happen in your community, there are things you can do to lower your risk of injury or property damage. Here are some suggestions:

TORNADO

Add a tornado safe room to your home, or add extra protection to an existing room to keep your family safe in a tornado. Look for FEMA publication 320 for more information.

HURRICANE

Install hurricane shutters. Keep trees around your house trimmed to prevent damage from falling branches. Secure your soffits to make sure that they won't provide a way for wind and water to get into your home. Make sure entryway doors have three hinges and a deadbolt lock.

WILDFIRE

Use fire-resistant building materials like shingles and siding. Cut back branches and brush within 30 feet of your home. Keep firewood at least 30 feet away. Check into the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise program for more ideas.

FLOOD

Elevate your home above the base flood level or take steps to floodproof. Elevate your utilities above the base flood level. Make sure you have adequate flood venting. Use flood-resistant building materials when you build or remodel. Taking steps like these can lower your flood insurance rates.

EARTHQUAKE

Secure your furniture, appliances, and water heater to walls and floors. Install safety catches on cabinets and cupboard doors. Make sure your appliances are connected with flexible connections. Consider using a safety film on your windows or installing laminated glass to prevent injuries from broken glass.

For more information on any of these projects, or other things you can do to protect your home and family, contact your local sheriff's department or emergency management office.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Hold evacuation drills at home. Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your

planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route in case a designated pet shelter is not available. Contact your local humane society or animal shelter to ask if pet emergency shelters will be opened in a disaster.



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