

# General Manager's Message

Dear Bear Valley Springs members,

Over the past few months, we have been diligently working on the Mulligan Room Kitchen Expansion Project. I have included the building plan for the expansion with this article. In the past several months, our architect has been actively

working with Jim Panek, our Project Manager, on the plans and permits for the project. The plan was to start the project in January 2024; however, we have been required to provide additional information in the permitting process with Kern County, which has caused further delays.

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Unaware of changes in permit requirements by Kern County and other counties, we are stuck in a holding pattern until further notice and some of the information being requested has been very difficult to locate, both at the county and CSD (i.e. sewer plans as an example). Some plans are more than 50 years old. It's an old building. Always looking at alternative options, there were numerous meetings trying to determine if we could develop a Plan B for the expansion, but those ideas were also met with challenges (i.e. load bearing walls) that would further com-



Submitted by **Don Ciota**General Manager/COO

plicate any progress with permits and the expansion.

At this time, we regret to inform everyone that the Mulligan Room Kitchen Expansion

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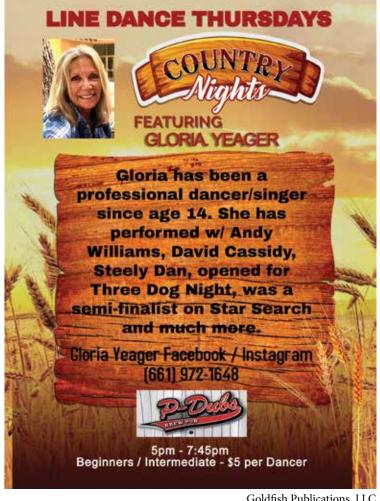
"HappyTogether" was a song by the turtles, that I use to sing to my daughter. Me and you and you and me no matter how they toss the dice it has to be, the only one for me is you and you for me So happy together. (Listen to it)

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# An introduction of our BVSA rangers

Submitted by

Jim Panek

BVSA Board Director

First, I would like to introduce our BVSA rangers to the community. I know the majority of our community knows our rangers by name, but for those of you who do not, this introduction is for you.

Our first ranger has been with the association for over 12 years and is an accom-

plished tracker. He has assisted with tracking and locating lost hikers, children, and has an expansive knowledge of the BVSA back areas. His name is Rocco Spinelli, a humble and unassuming gentleman with a passionate heart for keeping our wildlife safe.

The second ranger has been with BVSA for three years. He is also the safety officer for the association, as well as a range master. He is always willing to answer questions about the

amenities and our policies. His name is Jon Bartelmie, a strapping young lad with a great sense of humor and willing to share a joke or two! Jon is well versed in the association rules and is always happy to answer questions and give explanations.

Our last but not least ranger is a new hire. He has an extensive tactical background and is a great addition to the team. He brings knowledge and enthusiasm to the work environment. He has a calming demeanor and is always willing to listen. His name is Cory Sizelove, a quiet and reserved soul with a tinge of fire in the eyes. All of our rangers are here to serve the community within their respective abilities and job descriptions.

Our goal is to serve BVSA by ensuring the amenities are utilized correctly, that folks using the amenities either reside here or are registered guests

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# The Io Torus

Submitted by
Bear Valley
Astronomy Club

The most volcanic body in our solar system is the Jovian moon, Io (pronounced eye'-oh). The BVS Astronomy Club was honored to have Dr. Jeff Morgenthaler speak at our January club meeting to tell us about his research work on Io. Jupiter's tremendous gravity along with gravitational tugs from two other moons, Europa and Ganymede, causes tidal forces which flexes Io's crust by 200 meters (656 feet)! For comparison, earth's oceanic tides only vary in the open ocean by 1 meter (3.3 feet). Due to volcanic activity, very few impact craters remain on Io.

Jupiter has an extremely strong magnetic field. Io is relatively close to Jupiter as compared to Earth's moon to Earth.

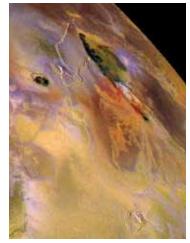


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#### Volcanic plume above lo.

Io revolves around Jupiter within Jupiter's magnetic field. As fountains of material from Io's volcanoes, mostly ionized sulfur and oxygen and neutral sodium, leave the surface of Io and encircle Jupiter where it is bombarded with energetic magnetospheric particles from Jupiter. That process forms the Io Plasma Torus.

The following is from Planetary Science Institute's web-



NASA

#### Surface of Io.

site www.psi.edu:

A large volcanic outburst was discovered on Jupiter's moon Io by Jeff Morgenthaler of the Planetary Science Institute using PSI's Io Input/Output observatory (IoIO).

IoIO uses a coronagraphic technique which dims the light coming from Jupiter to enable imaging of faint gases near the very bright planet. A brightening of two of these gases, sodi-

Europa Jupiter Io

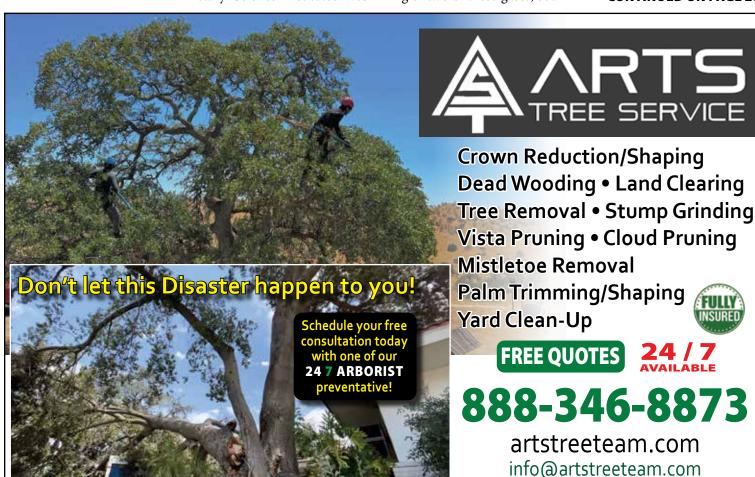
Jeff Morgenthaler, PSI

Time sequence of ionized sulfur encircling Jupiter.

um and ionized sulfur, began between July and September 2022 and lasted until Decem-

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# Safety preparedness – Trail riding

Throughout the years, there have been some serious horseback riding accidents in the valley, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself and give your loved ones some peace of mind when you're out on the trails. Don't assume because you only ride the flat, easy trails that you don't need to take precautions. A suspected brain aneurysm caused one tragic accident in recent history. The horse collapsed suddenly on a section of the trail less than 100 yards from the owner's home, resulting in serious injuries to the rider.

First and foremost, the best way to protect yourself is through wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If you wear nothing else, please wear a helmet. Head injuries are the most common reason for horse-related hospitalizations, with emergency rooms treating roughly 70,000 people per year. More than 60% of horse-related deaths are caused by head injuries. Both of these outcomes can be reduced by 70-80% by wearing ASTM/ SEI-approved helmets.

Hard-shell and air vests are fantastic options for riders on

green or spooky horses and should be strongly considered by those riding more remote, technical trails. ASTM-approved body protectors became mandatory equipment USEF events in 1996 and protect the body by reducing the energy of an impact and protecting the trunk from puncture wounds. Air jackets worn over hardshell vests further disperse the force of impact and extend protection over the neck, hips, and tailbone. While body protectors will not reduce your risk of a fall, they have been shown to reduce the risk

of injury by 56%.

Carry your cell phone and make sure it is attached to you, not your horse. If you and your horse become separated, you can call for help or be located via GPS. There are several smartphone apps now that can help give you and your family some peace of mind while you're riding, and many feature optional "stationary alerts" that will call for help if you stop moving for more than a few minutes.

Keep in mind that some areas in the valley have spotty

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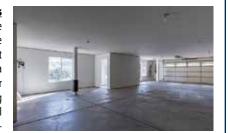








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# 2023 Lakes year in review

Submitted by

#### Fred Hicks

Lake Quality Advisory Committee (LQAC)

As I sit down in early January of 2024, the cold weather has finally arrived in Bear Valley. While I'm waiting for the lakes to dethaw, I want to provide a brief status update about what the LQAC has done for the lakes in 2023.

#### **Watershed**

The LQAC is happy to report that some significant progress has been made on watershed improvements during the 2023 calendar year. Multiple shoreline stabilization projects were completed and over 500' of shoreline was repaired and stabilized against erosion with gravel, while another ~1000' has been further stabilized by planned vegetation growth. By repairing and stabilizing the

shoreline, the LQAC has been able to create habitats for all the wildlife that utilize the lakes. This stabilization prevents further erosion from occurring and in turn, improves the water quality by preventing dirt and sediment from entering the lake as the wind blows against the shoreline.

#### **Water quality**

Overall, the lake water quality in the valley is doing well. The lakes remained open throughout the summer season and never had to close due to poor water quality which has occurred in previous years. This winter we've been suffering from a slight green algae bloom. Please understand that this is not cyanobacteria, which can negatively affect the water quality during the summer, but actual algae that is utilizing the nutrients within the water that the dormant plants are not absorbing and using for growth.

As spring progresses and plant life starts to flourish, we should see a reduction in the green algae.

#### **Plants**

2023 was a fantastic year for plants within the lakes of Bear Valley. The LQAC began a large pilot project with Water Hyacinth in Four Island Lake. We started the year purchasing 600 Water Hyacinth plants and ended the season with over 6,000 live Water Hyacinth plants removed from Four Island. Thanks to the generosity of Caroline Moranda, the LQAC was able to move over 600 Water Hyacinths to a greenhouse for the winter. As of January 5, the plants are enjoying the sunlight and warm temperatures the green house is providing during these freezing nights. As soon as freezing temperatures let up in the spring, these plants will be returned to the lake to begin the whole cycle over again. The

remaining 5,300 plants were removed and disposed of to reduce nutrients within the lake (as the plants grow, they absorb nutrients from the water). By removing the plants before they decompose, we are also able to remove the nutrients the plants have absorbed and used from the water which increases the overall water quality. In 2024, Water Lilies will continue to be cultivated, and floating islands will be rehabbed into smaller frames and planted with plants that are less desirable to our large elk. It is amazing how the elk really love to munch on anything that has a flower, even if it is in water that's six feet deep.

#### Fish

The main goal for 2023, was to reduce the number of Bullhead catfish and restart the sportfish population within Four Island Lake. To this end 18,188.75 lbs. of Bullhead catfish were removed from the lakes. In June, the BVSA stocked Four Island Lake with Bluegills,

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# **BVSA Director of Recreation report**

As we enter into a new year, there is so much to reflect on. I have now been the Recreation Director for this wonderful community for a year and half. There have been many ups and downs and adjustments made in this time and I can honestly say, I am excited for the new year. I am excited to see new events and programs from last year expanded and made better for the community. I am mostly excited for the opportunity to serve and grow with this community that I live in and love.

I have noticed that there has been an influx of new residents in our valley and I want to make sure that all residents are aware of all of the wonderful recreation amenities and activities BVSA has to offer throughout out year.

There are several recreation amenities and activities/sports/ events all over BVSA. Here is an overview of what is offered, but does not include all of the other amenities such as equestrian center, trails, golf or food and beverage.

#### **Cub Lake**

Cub lake is complete with a dog park, walking path, fishing lake, playground, blacktop basketball court, horse hitching post, water trough, and bathrooms. This lake has day use rental space for parties, BBQ's and even weddings. There are several BVSA hosted events that happen at Cub lake which include our 4th of July festivities, two rummage sales, a youth campout on the lake, fishing classes, Hot August Nights music and cornhole event, Friday night movies all summer long, our mountain top trail run and other events that are hosted by the local clubs.

#### **4-Island Lake**

This lake has so much to offer and is our largest recreational lake. This is our one BVS lake that allows for swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, and boating (no gas-powered boats). It has a sand beach with a volleyball court, playground and several picnicking spots. This lake also has a boat cleaning station, bathrooms and an outdoor shower. There are rental spots available for BBQ's, parties and gatherings. This lake hosts our annual 4th of July boat parade and paddle board races, as well.

#### **Beaubien Fields**

Beaubien Fields is our sports complex. There are three baseball fields: Adams Field, our largest and most used field; Warne Field, our newest field with grass infield; and Cub Field, our T-ball field. All of these fields are multi-purpose and host youth baseball, youth baseball camp, youth soccer, and senior softball. Our pancake breakfast and balloon rides during 4th of July are also hosted here. These fields are open to the residents on a first come first serve basis and are also available to rent for larger gatherings or games.

#### **RC field**

Our RC field is located off lower valley road behind the transfer station. It has a model air field with blacktop runway for flying RC planes and drones. When there is enough water in Jack's Hole pond, RC boats are also able to be used. There is an RC car/truck track, as well. We have an RC club that has hours of flying and can give guidance to new RC users.

#### **Nature Path**

The Nature Path is a one-mile, gravel loop that goes around the meadow between Jack's Hole and the Beaubien Fields. This path can be used for walking and running and dogs on leashes are allowed. Non-motorized vehicles only are allowed on the path. Our 4th of July 5k run is through the nature trail, as well.

#### **Racquet Courts**

We have four Tennis courts and four Pickleball courts. These lighted courts are available for use from sunrise until 9 p.m.,

and are used on a first come first serve basis. We have a pickleball and a tennis club that reserves courts for league play and for tournaments. There is a covered racquet pavilion available for rental or use while at the courts.

#### **Community Pool**

The BVSA pool is one of our largest summer attractions here in the valley. We host lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, lifeguard training classes, swim team, open swim, and last year we offered an adult-only pool event with music and food, which we plan to do again this year. The pool has a snack bar open during open swim and poolside servers on weekends. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and closes Labor Day weekend.

During the off season, we have an off-season club that can utilize the pool for lap swimming and swim team. This is the

only amenity in which guests are limited per track and lot as it is highly used and our pool capacity is low in comparison. In order to enter the pool during open season you will need a valid amenity use card, release of liability on our RecDesk portal and be in good standings with the association. Your guests will need to be accompanied by you at all times at the pool and will need to sign a liability release for each use. Guests without a resident sponsor present will not be permitted into the pool. Just outside the pool area we have a sand volley ball court, four horseshoe pits, and a pavilion that can be rented for birthday parties or get togethers.

# Town Center and Water Canyon Campgrounds

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# Tailwaggers Project Hope (phase I) update

Submitted by

**Molly Mackin Tailwaggers Dog Club** 

Faith can move mountains and our BVS Tailwaggers (TW) community of devoted, dog-loving people once again came together to do what appeared to be impossible. They exceeded all our dreams and rallied behind our ambitious goals for Project Hope (Phase I) by purchasing and delivering 150 Kuranda Shelter Beds in two sizes for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center on Mt. Vernon! These beds were provided to the shelter just in time to get the pups off the cold, wet floor, thus keeping them warmer, safer, and healthier for adoption.

Accomplishing this during the hustle and bustle of the busy holidays was an amazing feat. It took 60 people to donate and believe in the project vision and dream: nine people to assemble the beds, one horse trailer to transport the assembled beds, and ten people to help deliver and put the beds into 150 shelter dog runs.

For those of us who watched the dogs receive their beds, it was a heartwarming miracle we will never forget. Oh, the wagging tails, joy, and excitement! Most shelter dogs are not fortunate enough to have their own toy or a family to care for them just yet, but it was obvious that the dogs received the beds as a special gift! Their response was truly precious.

Project Hope also demonstrated BVS's love and appreciation for the shelter workers while sharing a powerful message of community as we worked together for the greater good. Our common mission was to get those beds into the shelter before Christmas Day, and it was incredibly gratifying to succeed.

There are not enough words of thanks and gratitude for all of you who helped with this Phase I project! Your generosity has brought us to tears and your kindness has brought us to our knees. Dreams really can come true!

If you are interested in information on TW Project Hope Phase 2, please contact Molly Mackin, 818-512-9836.







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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.
- RC MODELERS Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
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- TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
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#### **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 bylgac@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/
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the \_burt\_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
- FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
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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
- P & J BRIDGE CLUB Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
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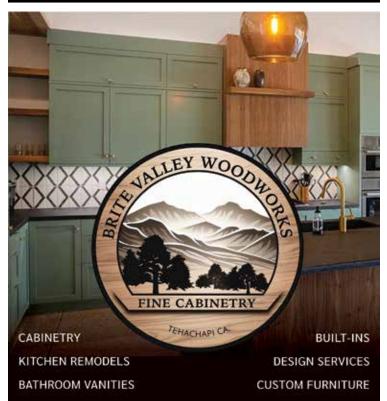
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# Who are Bear Valley Springs Snake Guys?

Submitted by **Debbie Swarens**BVS Snake Guys

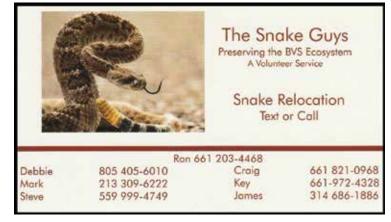
The Bear Valley Springs Snake Guys, led by Ron Hayton, has been assisting the residents of Bear Valley Springs and surrounding communities with the safe and humane capture and relocation of snakes for over 25 years. We are a volunteer service, with the mission of preserving the BVS ecosystem.

In 2023, the Snake Guys captured and relocated 199 rattle-snakes, down from 240 in 2022. The first rattlesnake of 2023 was captured on March 17, which is very early for snakes to be active. In the colder winter months, rat-

tlesnakes enter a period of brumation, which is dormancy similar to hibernation. Rattlesnakes prefer a temperature range between 80 and 90 °F but can survive temperatures below freezing. Typically, snakes emerge and become active as the temperatures rise.

Additionally, the Snake Guys conduct educational programs for the community. In 2023, Ron and his team did about eight presentations for local clubs and school groups. Whenever possible, Ron brings an assortment of local snakes (in locked terrariums) to demonstrate the differences and similarities in the various species. These presentations are always a big hit and inspire lots of questions.

Some of the most often asked



questions are:

# What snakes are found in Bear Valley Springs?

The only rattlesnakes in Bear Valley Springs and the Tehachapi mountains are Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes (Crotalus oreganus oreganus). Mojave rattlesnakes are not found here as they cannot survive our cold winters. The other common snake species we see are gopher snakes, king snakes, racers, and garter snakes, all of which are non-venomous.

# Do rattlesnakes gain a rattle each year?

Rattlesnakes add a segment to their rattles each time they shed their skin. This might happen more than once a year depending on the snake's growth rate and food intake. You cannot tell the age of a rattlesnake by the number of rattles it has.

# How do I keep snakes out of my yard, barn or house?

Snakes need shelter and food. Keeping vegetation and debris away from your house, sealing gaps, keeping garage doors closed, cleaning up anything that might attract rodents, and installing snake fencing (hardware

cloth, for example) on fences, are a few of the ways to discourage snakes.

# Can venomous snakes crossbreed (hybridize) with non-venomous snakes?

No. Venomous and non-venomous snakes are not closely related and cannot crossbreed. Some snakes, especially gopher snakes, will sometimes mimic rattlesnakes by flaring their heads and/or shaking their tails to appear more menacing. This behavior has led people to believe that they are hybridized snakes.

The Snake Guys encourage everyone to learn more about these wonderful animals and the contributions they make to our environment. California Herps has a website that has lots of good information about the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake.

(https://californiaherps.com/snakes/pages/c.o.oreganus.html)

The Snake Guys do not charge for their services; however, donations are always appreciated to help offset the cost of gas and equipment.

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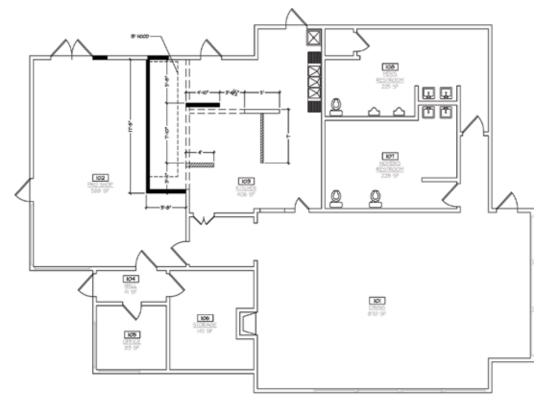


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has been put on hold. We have lost a key window of opportunity to complete the project this winter during our slower months. Until we can get the proper permits approved and we understand the expenses related to the expansion and these new 2025 permit requirements, the Mulligan Room Kitchen Expansion timeline has been moved back to the last quarter of 2024. Even if permits were approved in June, it would not be practical to close the Mulligan Room for two months during the height of the summer.

This summer, we are looking at some options to help temporarily improve the speed of food service in the Mulligan Room and patio area. The permit process has created numerous delays. We apologize for the prolonged process and will keep everyone posted as things progress.

In closing, 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!

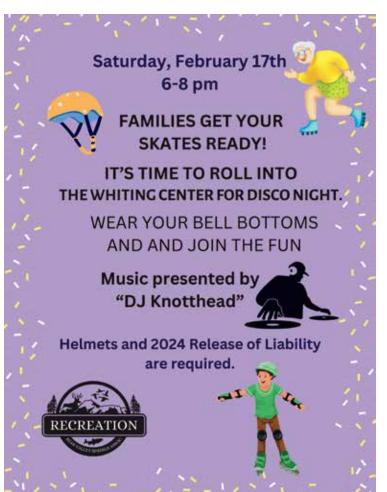






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	5:30 AM - 8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
ΙI	5:30 AM- 9:15 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
М	9:00 AM - 10:20 AM	HIIT TRAINING-CAITLYN- \$5 DROP IN \$45 FOR 10 CLASSES	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	CAITLYN SCHAEFER
	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	MOVE WITH MARGARET (MwM) FREE CLASS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARGARET BOLD
0	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM) DURING BAD WEATHER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
N	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	LQAC MEETING (GREEN RM) 2/5	ADULT	1ST MONDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	FRED HICKS
ΙI	11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	HOCKEY PRACTICES (GYMNASIUM)	KIDS	SPORTS LEAGUES	COACHES
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	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	WATER THERAPY \$5 A CLASS	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
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U	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM) 2/8	ADULT	SEE VETERANS	BILL KRITLOW
R	10:20 AM- 4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
s	4:00 pm - 6:30 PM	HOCKEY GAME (GYMNASIUM)	KIDS	SPORTS LEAGUES	STAFF
ΙI	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	ADULT PICK-UP HOCKEY	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
ш	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	BVS ASTRONOMY BOARD MEETING (GREEN RM) 2/29	ADULT	LAST THURSDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	CLAUDE PLYMATE
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S	8:00 AM - 8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
Α	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM	VETS BINGO (GYMNASIUM) 2/3	ADULT	1ST SATURDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	BVSVAA
Т	8:00 PM - 8:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM (EXCEPT DURING BINGO)	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, BELOW	STAFF
s	12:00 PM - 6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
ΐΝ	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	FREE SKATE (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS
۱۲	2:00 PM - 6:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM (EXCEPT DURING RC CLUB)	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF

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  - 7 & over resident fee \$150-non-resident fee \$180
    - Late fees apply Feb. 18th March 3rd
      - · add \$15 for resident \$30 for non resident

#### **Events**

- Vets Bingo Saturday, Feb. 3rd Doors open at 12:30 pm games start at 1 pm
- Houchin Blood Drive Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, 12:00 PM - 6:00 pm Schedule an appointment at HCBB.COM/SCHEDULE
- Family Skate Saturday, Feb. 17th 6-8 Helmets Required

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If you are unfortunate

enough to have an accident, carrying a whistle will enable you to attract attention over a considerable distance. Carrying ID and proof of medical insurance will help expedite matters if you are unconscious when found. Having a safety knife could be useful to free yourself if you become entangled. As is the case with your cell phone, it is essential that all of these items should be secured to your person so you

have them at hand when needed

Taking these simple precautions should help you to stay safe out there. Happy trails!

This article was provided by the Bear Valley Community Services District's Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council, which reminds you while disaster preparedness is every person's responsibility, we are all in this together, and together we are resilient.

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ber 2022. The ionized sulfur, which forms a donut-like structure that encircles Jupiter and is called the Io plasma torus, was curiously not nearly as bright in this outburst as previously seen. "This could be telling us something about the composition of the volcanic activity that produced the outburst or it could be telling us that the torus is more efficient at ridding itself of material when more material is thrown into it," Morgenthaler said.

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of a member and that each amenity is checked for safety, cleanliness and availability for the members. Our rangers are authorized to ask for amenity privilege cards and guest passes. Additional fees may be required to reserve a large area at the lakes, a fishing pass or pool use. The rangers' main job is the security and safety of our amenities, and this helps with the augmentation of amenity

Finally, the rangers do assist the police with dead animal pick-up and disposal. This is specific to animals within the roadway or on the CSD easement. The rangers will not go on to private property at any time to remove a dead or injured animal. This is a police department job or animal control situation. I know in the past, rangers have dealt with wildlife situations, blocking the roadway for an elk crossing or standing by when an animal is in the roadway, but please understand the rangers are not trained in wildlife rescue, wildlife behavior or wildlife relocation. We will stick with the amenities and continue to check cards and passes to ensure the safety of our membership. 🌺

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**THE GOAL:** Have enough water on-hand for your family to last 3 days (72 hours). This should be about 3 gallons per person.

Whether you live in the country or the city, your water supply relies on electricity to run the system. During a power outage you may find yourself without a way to get water. Your water supply can also become unsafe to drink. Both private wells and city water systems can be contaminated in a disaster.

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

☐ Purchase and store a 72-hour supply of commercially bottled water (or more – up to two weeks).

A three-day supply for one person is 3 gallons of water (one gallon per person per day). Also include an extra one gallon for a medium size pet. That one gallon should last three days, but plan for more or less if your pet is very large or very small.

1 day, 1 person = 1 gallon (or 128 ounces) = 7-20 ounce bottles = 4 liters 3 days, 1 person = 3 gallons (or 384 ounces) = 21-20 ounce bottles = 12 liters

During an emergency, you should drink at least two quarts (one half gallon) of water a day. Drink 3-4 quarts a day if you are in a hot climate, pregnant, sick, or a child. Some of the water in your emergency water supply will be used for cooking or washing.

If you buy commercially bottled water, it should be replaced once a year. Store your water in a cool, dark place to keep it tasting fresher longer.

If supplies run low, never ration water. Drink the amount you need today and look for more tomorrow.

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Whiting Center off Serra Place. This campground has hook up sites, tent sites and bathrooms with showers. Campers can stay for up to two weeks at a time, and longer if approved for building a house here in the valley. Water Canyon Campground is high up off Paramount and is tent camping only. This campground is open from May 15 through Oct. 15. There are bathrooms and horse stalls for horse camping. This campground is a center hub for several hiking trails and a seasonal creek.

#### The Whiting Center

The Whiting Center is our multipurpose Community Center. It has a gymnasium, weight room, class room, game room, library, dry sauna, hot tub, picnic area and playground. We are open seven days a week and offer so many amazing opportunities for the community. We do youth and adult basketball, youth and adult hockey, community Halloween Carnival, Veterans Bingo once a month, Family Bingo during the holidays of Easter and Christmas. We also host an indoor cornhole tournament, several minimum day activities during the school year, an afterschool center for school age children 9 and up. We have hot tub therapy classes. senior fitness classes, hiit classes and rise classes. We offer themed activities for kids during most holidays and extra activities during holiday and summer vacations from school. We also offer fishing seminars, indoor play for pickleball during inclement weather, indoor RC plane flying during the winter and so much more. The Whiting center is your main hub for all information regarding events, sports or rentals for all recreation amenities. Any reservation, rentals, guest amenity passes, fishing passes, boat permits, liability releases, sports sign ups, event sign ups, shooting range test and reservations, trail maps and much, much more! We are open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 12 p.m. **Bear Tracks** 

to 7 p.m. Sundays. All residents will need to have a valid amenity use card, a release of liability through our RecDesk portal and be in good standings with the association in order to use any BVSA amenity. If you would like to bring a guest(s) to any of the facilities you will either need to be present with them, or get them a temporary use pass to access amenities without you. Those passes can be picked up at the Whiting Center or the Main BVSA Office. It can even be submitted online at bysa.org. Each guest will need to sign a liability release when they enter the facility and it will be good for one month. Come in to the Whiting Center and learn more about what we offer and you can also check the Bear Tracks, Facebook and eBuzz for all the latest schedules and information on our upcoming leagues and events as well as open gym schedule and fitness classes.

There is so much to be excited for in the 2024 year. I look forward to continuing to serve this community and bringing more and more events and programs to our residents. My office is in the Whiting center and my door is always open to anyone who has questions, concerns, new information or just wants to talk! I can be reached at 661.821.5537 ext. 480, or emailed at ashleyk@ bysa.org.



### Bottle a 72-hour supply of water at home.

If you get your water from a private well, disinfect your tap water before bottling. Place six drops of bleach for each gallon of water, shake well, then let sit for 30 minutes. If you get your water from a municipal water system, there is no need to disinfect tap water before bottling.

Replace your water supply every six months if you bottle your own water. Always sanitize bottles before refilling them. Store your water in a cool, dark place.

#### SANITIZE BOTTLES BEFORE FILLING:

- Wash containers with dishwashing soap and rinse with water
- 2. Sanitize by washing a solution of 1 teaspoon of liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water on all interior surfaces of the container.
- 3. Let air dry for at least one minute

Use clear plastic bottles with tight sealing caps. Milk jugs don't make good water storage containers, they don't seal well, and water stored in them can sometimes develop a plastic taste. Only use bottles that originally had beverages in them (large plastic soft drink bottles work well). See the previous page to find out how much water you should have for your family in an emergency.

Learn how to provide a safe supply of drinking water for your household in a disaster.

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- Turn off the gas or electricity to water heater (turn off electricity at the fuse or breaker box, turn off gas by locating the valve supplying the hot water heater and turning the valve handle so that it crosses-is not lined up with—the gas line).
- 2. Turn off the water intake valve (should be located near the water heater).
- Open the drain at the bottom of the tank.
- Turn on a hot water faucet (water will drain from the tank, not the faucet). Discard the first few gallons if they contain rust of sediment. Do not turn the gas or electricity back on until the tank is refilled.

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- 1. Turn off main water valve where the water comes into the house (usually near the water meter if you have city water).
- Let air into the pipes by turning on the highest faucet in your house.
- Get water from the lowest faucet in your house (never get water from faucets that have been submerged in floodwater).

#### ICE

If you have freezer space, consider freezing part of your water supply. This has the added advantage of keeping food in the freezer cold longer during a power outage.

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# TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES (Deletions shown in strikethrough type and additions in boldface underlined type)

INTRODUCTION to BVSA Rules:

# RESTATED COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR Bear Valley Springs Association

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IF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS ANY RESTRICTION BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION FAMILIAL STATUS MARITAL STATUS DISABILITY GENETIC INFORMATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SOURCE OF INCOME AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION (p) OF SECTION 12955 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OR ANCESTRY, THAT RESTRICTION VIOLATES STATE AND FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND IS VOID AND MAY BE REMOVED PUSHANT **PURSUANT** TO SECTION 12965.2 12956.2 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. LAWFUL RESTRICTIONS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ON THE AGE OF THE OCCUPANTS IN SENIOR HOUSEING HOUSING OR HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS RESTRICTIONS BASED ON FAMILIAL STATUS.

#### BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION RULES

#### INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of the Bear Valley Springs Association has previously adopted the following Association Rules that govern the operations of the Association and the use of the Community Facilities.

The primary consideration in adopting Rules has always been to enable Association Members, their families, their guests, and tenants to obtain maximum enjoyment from the use of the facilities while giving consideration to the health, safety and general welfare of those who use the facilities.

These Rules are subject to change by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Davis-Sterling Stirling Common Interest Development Act (CID Act), the Covenants and Restrictions, the Bylaws, and the Association Rules. Proposed changes will be delivered to Members for comment as provided under the CID Act.

The Board urges all Members to retain and become familiar with these Rules and to make their family members, their guests and their tenants aware of them. They are printed in loose-leaf form to facilitate later changes.

Please note that all Members, family members, guests and tenants use the facilities at their own risk. The Association assumes no responsibility for injury or accidents to persons, or damage or loss of property while using the facilities operated by the Association.

Reasonable effort will be made by the Association Board to further publicize the Rules and all subsequent changes. However, it is Members' responsibility to know the current Rules and to comply with them.

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE

The purpose and effect of this rule change is merely for correction of spelling errors and typographical errors.

#### BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS ASSOCIATION RULES

ARTICLE 1
GENERAL; DEFINITIONS; BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' MEETINGS; COMMITTEES
(Adopted 9/19/87/SECTION 100. ADOPTION
(a) Unless otherwise specified these
Association Rules are adopted under authority
of Civil Code Section 1357.100 4340 et seq.;
Par.11d(9), 11e(2) (j) of the C&Rs and Article X,

Section 5 of the Bylaws. (Amended 5/01/04) (b) Unless the Board finds that immediate action is necessary in an emergency to address an imminent threat to public health or safety of its Members or an imminent risk of substantial economic loss to the Association, except as provided in Civil Code Section 1357.120(b) 4360 (d) any proposed change in the Association Rules shall be first considered for delivery to Members at a regular monthly Board meeting and, if approved for delivery, the text of the proposed change and a description of the purpose and effect of the proposed rules change shall be published in the "Bear Tracks" periodical or a similar periodical that is "... eirculated primarily to members of the association" delivered by one of the methods provided in Civil Code Section 4045 [Ref: Civil Code, Sec. 1350.7 (b) (4)], 4045(a)(2) and delivered to Members at least 30 days prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed change will be acted upon. Following 30 days' notice to the membership and following Board of Directors' consideration of member's comments concerning the proposed rule change, the board of directors may adopt the proposed rule(s) change at any regular or special open meeting where the proposed change approval is an agenda item. As soon as possible after making a rule change, but not more than 15 days after making the rule change, the board of dDirectors shall deliver notice of the rule change to every aAssociation mMember. [Ref: Civil Code Sec. 1357.130 (c) 4360(c)]. An emergency rule change is effective for 120 days unless the rule change provides for a shorter effective period. (Added 3/20/93, 4/17/93; Amended 8/19/00, 5/01/04, 2-10-08, 8-10-08, 9/10/12) [Ref: Civil Code, Sec. 1357.130(d) 4360(d)

(c) (Deleted 5/01/04)

#### SECTION 100.1. RULE CHANGE PROCEDURE

(a) Except for emergency proposals under Section 100(b) and Board actions taken under Civil Code Section 1357:120(b) 4360(d) all proposals for changes in the Association Rules shall be referred to the Board Advisory Rules Committee ("Committee").

(b) Proposals submitted shall include the exact citation and text of the proposed changes. Deletions shall be shown in strikethrough type and additions in bold underlined type, with an explanation of the purposes, intended effects and reasons for the proposed changes.

(c) The Committee shall prepare the proposals in proper form for any posting, and for delivery to Members as designated by the Board, including a Notice of Proposed Change in Association Rules that contains the name of the person, club or committee submitting the proposal, a summary of any existing Rule that is changed and the effects on existing Rules produced by the proposed changes.

(d) The Committee may edit the text and form of any proposal submitted provided that no substantive change is made by the Committee. As used in this section, the term "substantive change" means any change in the text of the proposal that is required to prevent a conflict with, or to conform to, Federal, State, or local law, the Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules or the C&Rs.

(e) At the Committee's meeting, called pursuant to Section 108(c) to review the proposal, the chair shall invite the person, club or committee submitting the proposal to participate in the meeting and to respond to any comments or questions from the Membership.

(f) The Committee shall forward to the Board the text of all proposals that, by majority vote, it determines to meet the following criteria:

(1) To be within the jurisdiction of the Association.

(2) Are not illegal and do not conflict with other provisions of law, the Articles of Incorporation, C&Rs, Bylaws or Association Rules.

(3) Do not include matters the Board may act on in closed session, including:

(A) Litigation.
(B) Matters relating to the formation of contracts with third parties.

(C) Personnel matters.
(D) Any matter relating to the disciplining of a Member.

(E) Any matter relating to meeting with members regarding the member's payment of assessments.

(g) Prior to forwarding proposals to the Board, the Committee shall prepare a report to the Board with the Committee's recommendation for any changes to be made by the Board and whether the proposals should be posted in addition to delivery to Members. The Board may approve these proposals for posting and delivery (or delivery without posting) as submitted, change them or reject them.

(h) If the Board, after review of the report from the Rules Committee, approves the proposals, it shall: (1) set the date for any posting and for delivery to Members; (2) set the date for Board action on the proposals; and (3) direct staff to arrange for any posting and to deliver the Notice of Proposed Changes in Association Rules to Members.

(i) Following posting, if any, and delivery to Members, and on the date specified, the Board shall open the change proposal agenda item for open debate and additional information. The Board may then adopt the proposed change as delivered, or with amendments provided no substantive changes are made. If the Board makes substantive changes, the proposal shall be reposted, if previously posted, and delivered to Members with the Board's changes before final Board action is taken.

Following adoption of a rule change,

the Board shall direct staff to, within 15 days, (1) prepare, post, if the prior Notice was posted and deliver to Members, a Notice of Change in Association Rules containing the text of the rule change as adopted, with additions in bold underlined type and deletions in strikethrough type, the purpose and effect of the change, the expiration date if an emergency change, and (2) prepare and forward to the Association Secretary for distribution, a revised copy of the Association Rules containing the Rule changes adopted by the Board. (k) Except for emergency rule changes and Board actions taken under Civil Code Section 1357.120(b) 4360(d), Association rule changes adopted under the provisions of this section may be reversed by a vote of Members a vote of a majority of a quorum of the Members subject to the provisions of Civil Code Section 1357.140 4365(d),

(l) Notices of Proposed Changes in Association Rules and Notices of Changes in Association Rules required by this section shall be delivered to Members as provided in Civil Code Section 1350-7(b) 4045.

(Section added 12/21/02; Amended 5/01/04)

#### SECTION 101. DEFINITIONS

(a) The definitions included in Par.3 of the C&Rs are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The definitions included in Article I of the Bylaws are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) "BVS" means Bear Valley Springs.(d) "Bylaws" means Bylaws of Bear Valley Springs Association.

(e) "C&Rs" means the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, Tract No. 3417, Bear Valley Springs, made September 11, 1970, by Dart Industries, Inc., as amended and supplemented by documents or record in the Kern County Recorders Office. (Amended 2/17/01)

(f) "Member" means an Association Member in good standing whose rights have not been suspended by the Board for the failure of a person to comply with Association, ECC or District rules, the Bylaws or the C&Rs, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay delinquent Association general and special assessments or fines. Additionally, a member in good standing status, for purposes of BVSA committee membership, shall not be conferred or assigned to a renter from a property owner.

(1) The following shall be members for purposes of the BVSA committee membership: a trustee of a trust, an officer of a corporation or Limited Liability Company, a partner of a partnership, a general partner of a limited partnership. (Added 8/12/8; Amended 5/15/10)

(g) "Section" means a section of these Association Rules unless some other rule or statute is specifically mentioned. "Subdivision" means a subdivision of the section in which the term appears unless some other section is expressly mentioned. [Ref. Corp. Code, Sec. 10] (Added 1/18/92)

(h) The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter. [Ref: Corp. Code, Sec. 12] (Added 1/18/92)

SECTION 102. REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a day of each month following the annual meeting of the membership and election of Directors in June. The meeting day and time may be established and changed by a unanimous vote of the entire Board of Directors at their first regular Board meeting in June. The meeting will be held within Bear Valley Springs at a place selected by the Board. (Amended 8/12/89, 9/9/89, 11/18/00, 2/17/01, 01-10-08; 6/11//11)

SECTION 103. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS Repealed 3/16/96 SECTION 104. TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETINGS Repealed 1/18/92

#### SECTION 105. OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

(a) Board Meetings shall be conducted as provided by the Common Interest Development Open Meeting Act. (Repealed & Added 3/16/96) (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c),

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), all Board meetings are open to Members. Non-members may only attend Board meetings as invited guests of the Board.

(Amended 1/18/92)

- (c) The Board may adjourn an open meeting to an executive session to consider the following matters:
  - (1) Litigation;
- (2) Matters that relate to the formation of contracts with third parties;
  - (3) Personnel matters:
- (4) Any matter relating to the discipline of a Member, including a fine or penalty, to be held in executive session if requested by the Member, and the Member shall be entitled to attend the meeting. (Amended 3/15/03)
- (5) To meet with a Member concerning a Member's payment of assessments, as specified in Sections 1367.1 4935 and 5665 of the Civil Code. (Added 3/15/03; Amended 8/10/08))
- (d) Any matter discussed in executive session shall be generally noted in the minutes of the immediately following meeting that is open to the entire membership. (Amended 3/15/03)
- (e) Except for minutes of executive sessions, the minutes, proposed minutes, or a summary of the minutes, shall be available to Members within 30 days of the meeting and shall be distributed to any Member upon request and payment of the Association's cost in making the distribution. (Added 1/18/92; Amended 3/16/96, 1/27/01)
- (f) Members shall be given written notice of their right to have copies of the minutes of Board meetings and how to get them. (Added 3/16/96)
- (g) As used in this Section, "meeting" includes any congregation of a majority of the members of the Board at the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item of business scheduled to be heard by the Board, except those matters that may be discussed in executive session. (Added 3/16/96)
- (h) Except for emergency meetings, notice of open meetings shall be posted at the Association Office, the Whiting Center, the Oak Tree Country Club, the Equestrian Center and the District Office, and emailed or mailed to any Member who has requested notice of open meetings by mail, at the address requested by the Member, at least four days prior to the meeting. (Added 3/16/96; Amended 8/19/00, 3/15/03, 01/10/08; 11/10/15)
- (i) The Association president or any two other members of the Board may call an emergency meeting if circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen require the immediate attention and possible action by the Board and make it impracticable to provide the notice required by this section. (Added 3/16/96; Amended 11/10/15) [Ref: Civil Code Sec. 1363-05 4923]

  SECTION 106 AGENDA FOR REGULAR

SECTION 106. AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- (a) A meeting agenda will be posted for all regular Board meetings, at least four days before the meeting time, at the Association Office, the Whiting Center, the Oak Tree Country Club, Equestrian Center and District Office. (Amended 8/19/00, 8/10/08)
- (b) Members wishing to place an item on the agenda must furnish it in writing to the Association Office not later than 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the meeting day. (Amended 8/19/95, 7/19/98, 7/15/00)

### SECTION 107. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT BOARD MEETINGS

- (a) Members are encouraged to attend and participate in all open Board meetings. The Board will provide a reasonable time period during which a Member may speak to the Board, not to exceed five minutes. [Ref: Civil Code Sec. 1363-05f(f) 4925)] (Amended 9/20/97, 7/16/00, 01/10/08)
- (b) The Board of Directors may take action on any item of business not appearing on the agenda posted and distributed pursuant to subparagraph (h) of Section 105, under any of the following conditions:
- (1) Upon a determination made by a majority of the Board present at the meeting that an emergency situation exists. An emergency situation exists if there are circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Board, that require immediate attention and possible action by the Board, and that, of necessity, make it impracticable to provide notice.
- (2) Upon a determination made by the Board by a vote of two-thirds of the Board members present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of total membership of the Board is present at the meeting, by a unanimous vote of the members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board after the agenda was posted and distributed pursuant to subdivision (n) of Section 105.
- (3) The item appeared on an agenda that was posted and distributed pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 105 for a prior meeting of the Board of Directors that occurred not more than 30 calendar days before the date that action is taken on the item and, at the prior meeting, action on the item was continued to the meeting at which the action is taken.
- (4) Before discussing any item pursuant to this paragraph, the Board shall openly identify the item to the members in attendance at the meeting. (Amended 8/10/08)

### SECTION 108. BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- (a) Purpose and Definitions:
- Purpose: Board Advisory Committees serve at the pleasure of the Board and are formed to provide assistance as directed by the Board.
   The purpose of this section is to provide guidance and consistency for the formation and operation of committees appointed by the Board.
  - (2) Definitions:
- A. The term "advisory committee" means a Board appointed committee that has a continuing existence from the time of its appointment until the end of the calendar year, and may be reappointed by the successor Board for the next calendar year, with one exception. In the case of the Finance Advisory Committee the time of appointment will expire at the end of each fiscal year and may be reappointed by the successor Board for the next fiscal year.
  - (Amended effective 11/10/11)
- B. The term "special committee" means a Board Advisory committee that goes out of existence upon completion of its specified task, except as provided in subdivision (d)(1). The term "committee" when used alone includes both standing and special Board Advisory committees.

  C. The Environmental Control Committee is not an Advisory Committee.
- (added 02/10/13)
- (b) Formation:
- (1) All members of a committee shall be appointed by the Board and may consist of three or more members. Committee members must be BVS property owners in good standing. Member in good standing status, for purposes of BVSA committee membership, shall not be conferred or assigned from a BVSA property owner to a renter. Committees shall usually consist of an odd number of members. Committees formed pursuant to provisions of the C&Rs, Association Bylaws, and Section 7212 of the California Corporation Code are not subject to this section. (Amended 2/16/02; 5-15-10)
- A. A.Advisory Committee member's term of service expires annually on December 31 of the current calendar year, with the exception of the Finance Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors will vote on the "Board Advisory Committee Annual Requests to be Appointed" in the December Regular Open Board Meeting and the new committees' term of service begins on January 1, of

- the next calendar year. Finance Advisory Committee member's term of service expires on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June each year, to coincide with the BVSA budget process. (Added 5/10/11; Amended 02/10/13; Amended 07/10/15)
- B. Members in good standing may be appointed or re-appointed to an Advisory Committee at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting each December; and in the case of the Finance Advisory Committee, each June. (Amended 1/10/15)
- C. C.Each of the outgoing Committee Chair Persons shall submit a written request to the Board of Directors, for those who wish to be seated, or re-seated, on their respective committee, for approval at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting in December; and in the case of the Finance Advisory Committee, each June. (Added 5/10/1; Amended 1/10/15)
- D. D.The written request to be seated must be submitted to the Board Secretary no later than the Monday prior to the Regular Monthly Board Meeting in December, for placement on the agenda; and in the case of the Finance Advisory Committee, each June. (Added 1/10/15)
- E. E. Committee members may be replaced, or added by the Board during the term, as needed. (Added effective 5/10/11; Repealed and readded with amendments).
- The form submitted is named "BVSA Board Advisory Committee Individual Request to be Appointed". The second line of this form should read: The Advisory Committee Chair, the secretary, the assigned BVSA staff committee member or the Board of Director assigned to the committee or GM may sign as the name and title of the requestor for the BVSA Board Advisory Committee Individual Request Form. Request for Committee Appointments must only come through these individuals.
- (2) The Board shall give specific written instructions to committees that are binding on the committees. (Amended 2/16/02)
- (3) Unless expressly authorized to do so, a committee may not add additional members to its membership.
- (4) If a special committee is appointed to carry out an action taken by the Board, it should be small and should consist only of those in favor of the action to be carried out.
- (5) If a special committee is appointed for deliberation or investigation, it should often be larger and should represent, as far as possible, all points of view on the subject matter in order to earry maximum weight.
- (6) If appointed by the Board, the chair of the committee shall call a first meeting of the committee as soon as practicable.
- (7) If not appointed by the Board, the chair of a committee shall be selected by majority vote of a quorum of the committee members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the committee members and is required in order to conduct a meeting.
- (8) If the chair of a committee is not selected by the Board, the first person appointed to the committee shall call a first meeting of the committee as soon as practicable and shall act as temporary chair until a permanent chair is selected.

If the chair of a committee fails to call a

- meeting, any two members of the committee may call a meeting, presided over by an acting chair selected by majority vote of the committee. (10) The General Manager or other employees may be appointed to any advisory committees as nonvoting members. All Board members are ex officio members of all committees. Up to two Board members shall be appointed by Board assent at the first open meeting of each Board year according to their individual interests and expertise, and may attend, participate, count toward quorum and vote Board members not appointed to a committee may also attend any Advisory Committee meeting as members of the Association but shall not participate in the meeting. fRef: Civil Code Sec. 1363, 1363.05 &, 1363.2]. (Amended 4/10/11; 6/10/12; 01/10/13) (11) (Repealed 02/10/13)
- (c) Procedures:
- (1) A committee shall post a notice of the time and location and an agenda for its meeting, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting, at the Association office.
- (2) A committee chair not only has the right to make and debate motions but is usually the most active participant in the discussions and work of the committee. Minutes of meetings shall be prepared,

- normally by the chair, but by any other committee member present at the meeting.
- (3) In order that there be no interference with the Board having the benefit of the committee's matured judgment, a motion to close or limit debate is not allowed. Motions may be voted on without a second.
- (4) Generally, all committee meetings are open to Association Members. In rare cases, the Committee Chair may, with concurrence of the ex officio Board Members, designate a portion of the agenda as a CLOSED SESSION. Non-members may attend meetings only at the invitation of the Advisory Committee. Prior to a committee's debate and vote on an agenda matter, the chair shall provide for a reasonable time period, not less than 30 minutes, for Association Members' comments and discussion of the matter. (Amended 02/10/13)
- (5) A committee has no power to punish its members for disorder or other improper conduct related to its proceedings, but shall report the facts to the Board. (Amended 02/10/13)
- (6) Minutes of committee meetings shall be prepared and distributed to committee members as soon as practicable following the committee meeting. Minutes shall be approved in a timely fashion by the committee and forwarded to the Board and the Association Secretary for record retention. (Amended 02/10/13)
- (7) Although the Board appoints committees and retains all responsibility and authority for their actions, it is frequently more productive and expedient for them to work closely with the General Manager and Association staff in investigations, inquiries and resolution of issues. Committees shall take full benefit of the expertise of the General Manager and staff in doing their work and in preparing their reports to the Board. (Amended 02/10/13)
- (8) The rules contained for committees in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern committees in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Governing Documents, including this Section 108.
- (d) Reports:
- (1) A special committee—since it is appointed for a specific purpose—continues to exist until the task assigned to it is accomplished, unless discharged sooner; and it ceases to exist as soon as the Board receives its final report. If no final report is made to the Board prior to the annual election, a special committee shall cease to exist when the new Board elects its officers.
- (2) Except as provided in this subdivision, a committee report shall contain only what has been agreed to by a majority vote at a meeting of the committee, where every member of the committee has been notified of the meeting, and where a quorum of the committee was present.
- (3) A "reporting member" presents a committee report to the Board. The reporting member shall be the committee chair, or if the chair declines to present the report because he disagrees with it, or for any other reason, the committee shall select the reporting member.
- (4) If a committee report contains a recommendation for action to be taken by the Board, the action to be taken must be moved and seconded unless the report is presented by a Board member who is a regular member of the committee, in which case the motion need not be so moved and seconded.
- (5) A committee report should generally be presented in writing, with a copy to the Association Secretary. The report may be given orally only if it is brief enough for the Secretary to record its complete substance in the minutes upon hearing it.
- (6) If a written committee report is of considerable importance, all members concurring should sign it. Otherwise, the committee can authorize the chair to sign the report alone, in which case he/she adds the word Chair after his/her name.
- (7) Unless the chair of the Board knows that a committee has no report to make, the chair shall call for committee reports at the regular monthly meetings
- (8) Regardless of whether a minority report is presented, the report adopted by a vote of a majority in the committee should always be referred to as "the committee report," never "the majority report."
- (9) In debate by the Board on any written or oral committee report, any member of the committee who does not concur with the report

- may speak in opposition, but may not disclose what occurred during deliberations of the committee unless what occurred is part of the committee report or what occurred is permitted by unanimous vote of the Board.
- (10) If non-concurring committee members wish to present a minority report, they shall so inform the reporting member who will, after presentation of the committee report, notify the Board that the minority wishes to present its views in a separate report.
- (e) Resignation and Discharge:
- (1) The resignation of a committee member shall be addressed to the Board and it is the responsibility of the Board to fill the resulting vacancy, if required.
- (2) The Board may discharge a committee when it has failed to report at a prescribed time or when the Board is considering a partial report of the committee.
- (Section added 11/17/01; Amended 2/16/02, 5/18/02)

#### SECTION 109. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AT ROARD MEETINGS

The rules contained for small boards in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the C&Rs, Bylaws and Rules. (Former Sec. 108)

# \*\*\*\*\*\* ARTICLE 2 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND VOTING RULES

(Adopted June 17 ,2006, Effective 7/1/06<u>, Amended 11/18/06</u>)
(Former Article 2, Adopted 5/01/04, Repealed 6/17/06)

(Article 2 Amended and Restated, Adopted 04/17/2020)

#### 200. 200.Introduction

- (a) The Board of Directors ("Board") consists of five (5) Directors, who serve two-year terms, with three (3) Directors being elected in even-numbered years, and two (2) Directors being elected in odd-numbered years. (Bylaws, Article VIII, Sections 1 and 4.)
- (b) The Association has <u>approximately</u> threethousand five-hundred and eighty-three (3,583) Members (this number varies as properties are <u>subdivided</u>).
- (c) The Annual Meeting is held the second Saturday of June, or up to thirty (30) days before or after said date, at time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors and set forth in the notice of meeting sent to the Members. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 1.)
- (d) Cumulative voting is permitted. (Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.)
- (e) The quorum at a Membership meeting consists of the presence in person, proxy or Secret Ballot, of at least one-third (1/3) of the voting power of the Members. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.)
- (f) The required quorum at any adjourned Meeting of the Members consists of the presence in person, proxy or Secret Ballot, of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.)

#### 201. 201.Membership Meetings, Annual Meeting, Election of Directors and Membership Votes

- (a) The Association will hold an Annual Meeting of the Membership to elect Directors and to conduct Association business that is properly brought before the Members and/or on the agenda ("Annual Meeting" or "Election").
- (b) Ballots may not be denied to a member for any reason other than not being a member at the time the ballots are distributed. Ballots may not be denied to a person with a general power of attorney for a Member, and the ballot of a person with general power of attorney for a Member must be counted, if returned in a timely manner.
- (c) Persons who attend a Meeting may be asked to provide photo identification or other documents to prove that they are Owners of a Lot/Unit/Parcel/Unit/Parcel or hold a general power of attorney for an Owner of a Lot/Unit/Parcel/Unit/Parcel.
- (d) The following qualifications apply to nominees for the Board of Directors:
- (1) A person who is not a Member at the time of their nomination is disqualified from nomination.
  - If title to a Lot/Unit/Parcel/Unit/Parcel is

- (3) All nominees for a board seat must be current in the payment of regular and special assessments. Nominees may not be disqualified for nonpayment of fines, fines renamed as assessments, collection charges, or costs levied by a third party. Further, a nominee may not be disqualified if he or she has paid the regular or special assessment under protest, or if he or she has entered into a payment plan.
- (4) A person is disqualified from nomination if the person, if elected, would be serving on the Board at the same time as another person who holds a joint ownership interest in the same Lot/Unit/Parcel, and the other person is already properly nominated for the current election or an incumbent director.
- (5) A nominee is disqualified if that person has been a member of the Association for less than one year.
- (6) A nominee is disqualified if that person discloses, or the Association is aware or becomes aware of, a past criminal conviction that would, if the person were elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by law or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.
- (7) A nominee may not be disqualified if he or she has not been provided the opportunity to engage in internal dispute resolution.
- (e) The Association shall provide general notice of the procedure and deadline for submitting a nomination at least thirty (30) days before the deadline for submitting a nomination.
- (f) Nomination for election to the Board of Directors may be made by a Nominating Committee, made up of three (3) members of the Association, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its regular January meeting. (Bylaws, Article X, Section 17.) Nominations may also be made by the Members, as set forth in subdivision (e), below.
- (g) No later than the last Friday in January, the Association shall send out to all members a request-for-candidates form, seeking candidates for the Board. All forms must be completed by the candidate and must be received by the Inspector of Election by the deadline stated in the form, in order for a candidate's name to appear on the candidate register list the Notice of Annual Meeting and the Ballot. If the fully completed form is not received by the Inspector of Election by the deadline date, a candidate may still be nominated by himself or herself from the floor of the Annual Meeting, under the procedures described in these Election Rules.
- (h) The candidacy form may include the opportunity for each candidate to submit a maximum 200-word written statement reasonably related to the election, including advocating a point of view. Candidate statements received on a timely basis will be included with the Association's mailing of the notice and ballot materials. The Association will not edit or redact these statements but may include a statement specifying that the candidate is responsible for that content. (Civ. Code, § 5105(a)(1).)
- (i) The Inspector of Election will review the candidate nominations, and if the person is not qualified to be a nominee, that person's name will not be included on the candidate registry nor on the Secret Ballot that is mailed to the Members.
- Meet the Candidates Night: The Association will hold an informal gathering not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting. All candidates may participate, including those who did not submit a candidate's form but who have advised the Association of their intention to be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Each candidate may give an oral statement of his or her qualifications of no longer than five (5) minutes per candidate. Questions may also be directed to any candidate by the Members present at the meeting. The candidates are not required to attend the Meet the Candidates Night, to make a statement, or to answer questions, but are encouraged to do so. The Nominating Committee shall organize and conduct this meeting.
- (k) Secret Ballots: The Association will utilize a secret ballot ("Secret Ballot" or "Ballot") process, which is required by California law, as described in Section 203, below, for the following categories of votes:
- (1) A vote of the Membership regarding assessments;

- Election or removal of Members of the Association's Board of Directors;
- (3) Amendments to the governing documents;
   (4) Grant of exclusive use of common area property pursuant to Civil Code Section 4600; and
- (5) Any other Membership votes which may be required or allowed by law.
- (I) As set forth in Rule 200(a), above, the Association's Annual Meeting will be held the second Saturday of June, or up to thirty (30) days before or after said date, at 2:00 p.m., or such other time to be set by the Board. The Inspector of Election will send out a Notice of Annual Meeting, which will advise all Members of the time when registration will begin, when the Meeting will be called to order, and when the polls will open. The Notice will also state the dates and times when the Members and candidates may attend the Annual Meeting to witness the Inspector's registration, review, count and tabulation of the Ballots for the Annual Meeting.
- (m) Other meetings of the Members ("Special Membership Meetings") may be noticed and held by the Association to vote on matters which are proper for Member vote. The Board may also determine not to notice or hold Membership Meetings for votes on matters, except for Membership Meetings required for the removal or election of Directors and Annual Meetings, and may conduct the vote by Secret Ballot process and have the Secret Ballots counted and tabulated at a duly noticed open Board meeting.
- (n) The Directors must be elected by Secret Ballot and cannot be elected by voice vote or show of hands at the Annual or other Special Membership Meeting. At Annual Meetings or other Special Membership Meetings where Directors will be elected, the Secret Ballot votes for Directors will be counted and tallied, and the Report of the Inspector of Election will provide the tabulated results of the vote and election.
- (o) Other business at the Annual or other Special Membership Meetings, such as approval of minutes, motions to close registration, motions to cease balloting, motions to adjourn, and other parliamentary or meeting procedures required by a recognized system of parliamentary procedure may be conducted by a show of hands, voice vote or other recognized method, including a roll call vote.
- (p) All Membership Meetings and votes will be conducted in accordance with the Association's Governing Documents and California Corporations and Civil Codes, as appropriate.
- (q) Members will have one vote per Lot/Unit/ Parcel owned. When more than one person holds an ownership interest of record in any Lot/Unit/Parcel, all such persons shall be Members of the Association; although in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot/Unit/Parcel. In elections of Directors, this one vote will be multiplied by the number of Director positions are available, each Lot/ Unit/Parcel will receive three (3) votes to cast.)
- (r) For election of Directors, cumulative voting may be used as permitted by the Association's Bylaws. Cumulative voting means that a Member may cast as many votes as there are directors' seats to fill. The Member may cast all votes for one candidate or divide up the votes among the candidates. No fractional votes are permitted. Members do not have to cast all of their votes. No Member shall be entitled to cumulate votes for a candidate or candidates unless: (i) the candidate's name or candidates' names have been placed in nomination prior to the start of voting, and (ii) the Member has given notice, at a meeting held prior to the start of voting, of the Member's intention to cumulate votes. (Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.)
- The Association will create and retain a candidate registration list and a voter list. The voter list shall include the name, voting power, and either the physical address of the Member's Lot/Unit/Parcel, the parcel number, or both. The mailing address for the ballot shall be listed on the voter list, if it differs from the physical address of the Lot/Unit/Parcel, or if only the parcel number is used. The Association shall permit Members to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the candidate registration list and voter list at least thirty (30) days before ballots are distributed. The Association or Member shall report any error or omissions to either list to the Inspector of Election, who shall make any correction within two (2) business days of being notified of the error or omission

#### 202. 202.Inspector of Election

(a) One (1) independent third party Inspector of

- Election ("Inspector") will be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors at an open Board Meeting. (b) For purposes of this Section 202,
- independent third parties include the following:

  (1) A volunteer poll worker working for the
- county registrar of voters;
  (2) A Licensee of the California Board of
- (2) A Licensee of the California Board of Accountancy;
- (3) A Notary Public; or
- (4) Such other persons as may be provided by California Law.
- (c) The Board will not select as an Inspector a Member of the Association or a person currently employed by or under contract to the Association for other compensable services, other than serving as Inspector.
- (d) The Board may determine to pay compensation to the professional non-Member third party Inspector, if any. If the Board determines to appoint and pay a professional non-Member independent third party to be Inspector, the Board will require the following terms to be met by the independent third party Inspector:
- (1) A written contract for the Inspector to be hired as an independent contractor;
- (2) The Inspector will maintain insurance with at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) commercial general liability coverage, including completed operations coverage, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) Directors & Officers/ Errors & Omissions (naming the Association and its management company as additional insureds on all insurance policies);
- (3) After tabulating the ballots, the Inspector shall maintain custody of the Association Election Materials, as defined in Rule 213(e), and store the Association Election Materials in a secure place for at least one (1) year, after which time the Association Election Materials shall be turned over to the custody of the Association and maintained as records of the Association for so long as the law requires;
- (4) The professional non-Member independent third party Inspector shall indemnify the Association, if the professional non-Member independent third party Inspector is grossly negligent, or commits malicious and/or willful misconduct.
- (e) If an Inspector is unwilling to, unable to, or does not, perform his or her duties as stated in these Rules, or becomes ineligible to be an Inspector at any time after appointment under these Rules, the Board may remove that Inspector without notice, and may appoint another Inspector in his or her place.
- (f) Inspector's Duties:
- (1) Maintain voter lists and candidate registration lists;
- (2) At least thirty (30) days before an election, deliver to Members (or cause to be delivered) ballots, voting instructions, and a copy of these Election Rules;
- (3) Determine the number of Memberships entitled to vote and the voting power of each;
- (4) Determine the authenticity, validity, and effect of proxies, if any;
- (5) Receive Secret Ballots and proxies, if any;
- (6) Hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising out of or in connection with the right to vote;
- (7) Count and tabulate all votes;
- (8) Determine when the polls shall close;
- (9) Determine the results of the election or vote;
   (10) Perform any acts as may be proper to conduct the election with fairness to all Members,
- in accordance with California Law and these Rules; (11) All duties must be performed in good faith, to the best of the Inspector's ability, as expeditiously as practical, and in a manner that protects the interests of all Members;
- (12) Prior to the mailing of the Secret Ballots by the Association, the Inspector will determine the location where the sealed Secret Ballots will be mailed or delivered; and
- (13) The Inspector of Election shall also determine where the Inspector will maintain custody of the sealed Secret Ballots, signed voter envelopes, voter list, proxies, and candidate registration list, before and after the count and tabulation of the vote by the Inspector.
- (g) To satisfy the requirement of notice regarding the Election Rules, as set forth in Rule 202(f)(2), above, the Election Rules may be posted to the Association website, if any, and including the website address on the ballot together with the following phrase in at least 12-point font: "The rules governing this election may be found here:

Election Rules may be sent by individual delivery under Civil Code Section 4040.

- (h) The Inspector may appoint and designate additional personnel to assist him/her in his/her duties, including registration, opening, counting and tabulating, but the Inspector will oversee and be responsible for all actions of such designees. Any additional persons appointed to assist the Inspector must meet the qualifications stated above at Rule 202(c). Only the Inspector may sign the Inspector's report of the election, but additional designees may be required to sign an oath regarding his/her duties.
- (i) The report of the Inspector of the election shall be prepared for all votes, and once signed to certify the results of the vote, count or election, is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the report. 203. 203. Secret Ballot Procedures
- (a) At least thirty (30) days before the ballots are distributed, the Association shall provide general notice of the date and time by which, and the physical address where, ballots are to be returned by mail or handed to the Inspector; the date, time and location of the meeting where the ballots will be counted; and the list of candidates that will appear on the ballot.
- (b) At least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, other Special Membership Meeting, or vote to be taken, the Inspector will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Members, by first-class mail, the Secret Ballots, along with two preaddressed envelopes ("Envelopes") and instructions on how to return the Secret Ballots. The Annual Meeting date, other Membership meeting date, or deadline date for other votes taken without a meeting will be considered the due date for completed Secret Ballots to be received by the Association. A Notice of Meeting will also be sent, which will include instructions on how to return Secret Ballots
- (c) At least thirty (30) days before any election, the Inspector will deliver or cause to be delivered the Election Rules as required by Rule 202(f)(2), above.

  (d) The Secret Ballot itself will not identify the
- voter by name, address, parcel number or Lot/Unit/ Parcel number.
- (e) The Secret Ballot and Notice will contain the names of any candidates known to the Inspector at the time the Secret Ballot and Notice are mailed, along with blank lines for write-in candidates.
- (f) Any write-in candidate must be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting or Special Membership Meeting, by himself, herself or another Member, or by written notice which is received by the Inspector prior to the close of nominations, and must be present at the Annual Meeting or Special Membership Meeting to accept the nomination, or have sent written acceptance of the nomination to the Inspector, which must be received by the Inspector at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the call to order of the Meeting.
- (g) The Secret Ballot itself is not signed by the voter but is inserted into an inner ballot envelope which is preaddressed to the Inspector (Envelope #1).
- (h) The voter then seals Envelope #1 and inserts Envelope #1 into a second preaddressed outer mailing envelope (Envelope #2), which is then also sealed by the voter.
- (i) In the upper left-hand corner of Envelope #2, the voter prints and signs his or her name, and prints the address or other identifying Account/ Lot/Unit/Parcel and Tract number that entitles him or her to vote. A proxy holder voting on behalf of a Member at a meeting shall print the name and identifying information of the proxy giver in the upper left-hand corner of Envelope #2, but shall sign the proxy holder's name on Envelope #2.
- (j) The owners of multiple properties must submit separate Secret Ballots in separate sealed Ballot Envelopes (#1 and #2) for each property owned.
- (k) Envelopes #1 and #2 shall be preaddressed to the Inspector at the location selected by the Inspector.
- (I) Secret Ballots may be mailed to the selected address or delivered by hand by the Member to the location selected by the Inspector.
- (m) All Secret Ballots must be mailed or delivered to the Inspector, or brought to a Meeting to be voted in person at the Meeting.
- (n) The Member may request a receipt for hand delivery of the sealed Envelope #2 to the location selected by the Inspector. Any Member desiring a receipt for mail delivery should send the Secret Ballot by certified mail, return receipt requested, to

the location selected by the Inspector. A Member shall not receive a receipt for hand delivery of a sealed Envelope or Ballot brought to a Meeting.

- (o) Only the Association's Secret Ballots and envelopes which are sent out to the Members by the Inspector or are provided by the Inspector at the Membership meeting will be accepted by the Inspector. No copies, faxes, or emails of the Secret Ballots and envelopes will be accepted or counted by the Inspector.
- (p) Members must clearly print out the correct name of the owner, the identifying information (as set forth in Rule 203(i)), and sign the upper left hand corner, or may use pre-printed address stickers or labels instead of personally printing their own information on Envelope #2. However, the information must be accurate and correct per the Association's records, or it will not be valid.
- (q) The Member must sign on the signature line shown on the upper left-hand corner of Envelope #2. If an outer mailing envelope is not signed by the Member, it will not be counted by the Inspector for any purpose, including quorum or as a cast vote.

  204. 204. Praxies
- (a) The Association will not send out a proxy for the Annual Meeting or other Membership vote. Proxies will be accepted only if those proxies and the proxy holders are determined by the Inspector to meet all of the requirements of the Bylaws, the California Corporations Code, and the California Civil Code. Proxy holders shall not be given Secret Ballots pursuant to proxies until after the time that all proxies and Secret Ballots (except for those Secret Ballots to be distributed pursuant to proxies) have been registered, and the proxy has been upheld as valid.
- (b) Proxies must be in writing and filed with the Secretary in advance of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease on the expiration date specified on the proxy, or if none is specified, after completion of the meeting for which the proxy was filed.
- (c) Any instruction given in a proxy that directs the manner in which the proxy holder is to cast the vote must be set forth on a separate page of the proxy that can be detached and given to the proxy holder to retain.
- (d) The proxy holder must be a Member of the Association as required by California Law, and must be present in person at the Membership meeting and shall cast the proxy giver's/Member's vote by Secret Ballot at the meeting, unless the proxy is revoked by the proxy giver prior to the Inspector's receipt of the proxy giver's Secret Ballot at the meeting. If the proxy holder is not present at the meeting, the proxy shall not be valid for any purpose.
- (e) Any Member who gives another Member his or her proxy does so with the full understanding that the Association and Inspector will not be responsible for ensuring that any proxy holder votes the proxy in accordance with the proxy giver's direction. The Inspector cannot verify or observe how the proxy holder marks the proxy giver's/Member's Secret Ballot
- (f) Any proxies previously distributed by the Association for quorum purposes only, including general proxies, will be valid and accepted by the Association until their expiration.

#### 205. 205.Effect of Submitting Secret Ballot

- (a) ONCE A SECRET BALLOT IS RECEIVED BY THE INSPECTOR, THAT SECRET BALLOT CANNOT BE CHANGED, RETRIEVED, OR REVOKED.
- (b) Only one Secret Ballot may be submitted for each Lot/Unit/Parcel. Once a Member submits a Secret Ballot with regard to a particular Lot/Unit/Parcel, no other Secret Ballot or proxy may be submitted for that Lot/Unit/Parcel. Should more than one Secret Ballot be submitted with regard to a particular Lot/Unit/Parcel, the Secret Ballot which was earliest received may be counted for that property, or the Inspector may determine not to count either Secret Ballot, at the discretion of the Inspector. If it cannot be determined which Secret Ballot was earliest received, no Secret Ballot will be counted for that Lot/Unit/Parcel.

### 206. 206.Registration of Secret Ballots at the Meeting

- (a) The Association will have the Membership registration list at the Membership meeting.
- (b) Verification of information on the outside of Envelope #2 and registration of envelopes received may be performed by the Inspector or his/her

- designees prior to the meeting or deadline for voting.

  (c) Registration will be conducted by the Inspector of Election or his/her designees and votes counted and tabulated by the Inspector at a duly noticed Membership or Board meeting in front of any Members or candidates who may wish to witness the registration and opening and counting of the
- (d) All Secret Ballots must be sealed in the two sealed Envelopes and contain all required information on the upper left-hand corner of Envelope #2.

Secret Ballots or Proxies.

- (e) The Inspector will review the information provided on the upper left-hand corner of Envelope #2. The Inspector will require, at a minimum, the following:
- (1) The Member must print his or her name or place a label on Envelope #2, it must be legible and must match the name of at least one (1) of the record owners of the Lot/Unit/Parcel as shown on the Association's Membership list;
- (2) The Member's (or, in the case of a Secret Ballot cast pursuant to proxy, the proxy holder's) signature must be on Envelope #2;
- (3) The identifying information shown on Envelope #2 must correspond to the Member's Lot/ Unit/Parcel (or other identifying information, as set forth in Rule 203(i)) on the Association's records. The Inspector will determine whether the failure to include information on Envelope #2 should result in the Secret Ballot being counted for quorum purposes only, or not counted for any purpose;
- (4) If any Member fails to put a Secret Ballot into both of the sealed envelopes, and/or sends/ delivers empty Envelopes, the Envelopes will not count for any purpose, including quorum.

### 207. 207.Registration of Members in Person

- (a) A Member wishing to vote in person at the Membership meeting must present himself or herself at the registration table with identification to show that he or she is the record Owner of the Lot/Unit/ Parcel. The holder of a general power of attorney for a Member must present himself or herself at the registration table with an original, signed, notarized power of attorney and identification to show that he or she is the attorney-in-fact.
- (b) A Member may not revoke or change any previously received Secret Ballot. A Member may attend the meeting, but will not be given a new Secret Ballot to vote at the meeting, if the Association has received a Secret Ballot for that Lot/Unit/Parcel.
- If a Secret Ballot has not been previously received by the Inspector for a particular Lot/Unit/ Parcel, a Member in attendance at the meeting from that Lot/Unit/Parcel will be given a Secret Ballot along with two envelopes to mark and cast in secret at the Membership or board meeting. The Inspector will mark the registration list to memorialize that the Member received a Secret Ballot at the Membership or board meeting. Such Secret Ballots may, at the discretion of the Inspector, be on paper of a color different than the color used for Secret Ballots cast by mail. Such Secret Ballots will only be counted at any Membership meeting or adjourned meeting if properly placed into both Envelopes #1 and #2, and if they are otherwise valid pursuant to these Election Rules.
- (d) Members voting in person at the Membership or board meeting must still use Envelopes #1 and #2, and Envelope #2 must be filled out, sealed and signed. Failure to use the two envelope system at the Membership or board meeting may lead to invalidation of the Secret Ballot cast at the Membership or board meeting and may prevent the Secret Ballot from being counted at any adjourned date if the Membership meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum.
- (e) If, in the sole discretion of the Inspector, the requirements above are not met, the envelope/Secret Ballot may not be registered and will not be valid for any purpose, including establishing a Quorum.

### 208. 208.Registration of Proxies. Determination of Quorum

(a) If a Member brings valid proxies to the Membership meeting, the Inspector will review and make all necessary determinations regarding those proxies, including the validity of those proxies. Subject to this verification, the Inspector of Election shall register each Proxy received by placing a "P" on the membership roster alongside the proxy-giving Member's name. The Inspector is not required to observe and verify that Secret Ballots are marked by the proxy holder in the manner instructed by the proxy giver.

- (b) The Inspector will determine, if possible, whether quorum has been obtained, based upon the count of the number of Members voting by proxy, or by a mailed or delivered Secret Ballot as shown on the registration list.
- (c) The quorum at a Membership meeting consists of the presence in person, by proxy, or by Secret Ballot, of at least one-third (1/3) of the voting power of the Members. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.)
- (d) If a Member has cast a Secret Ballot by mail or delivery, which is received by the Inspector prior to the Inspector's receipt of a Secret Ballot cast by the Member's proxy holder, the Member's Secret Ballot will supersede and control over any proxy submitted or any Secret Ballot later cast by the Member's proxy holder.
- (e) A Member may revoke his or her proxy by casting a Secret Ballot by mail or delivery to the Inspector or as otherwise provided in Corporations Code Section 7613, provided such revocation is completed prior to the Inspector's receipt of a Secret Ballot from the Member's proxy holder and in advance of any vote or Membership Meeting.
- (f) After the time specified in the notice to the Members relating to the closing of the polls has passed, and upon determination that a quorum has been obtained, the Inspector may close registration and close the polls.

#### 209. 209. Adjourned for Lack of Quorum

- (a) Any Membership meeting, Annual or Special, may be adjourned or adjourned to another place and/or time by the vote of the majority of Members present at the Meeting, either in person or by valid discretionary proxy. The Members at any reconvened Meeting may take any action that might have been transacted at the original Meeting. The required quorum at any adjourned Meeting of the Members consists of the presence in person, proxy or Secret Ballot, of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of the Members. An Adjourned Membership Meeting must be held not less than forty-eight (48) hours nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the original meeting was called. (Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.)
- (b) Secret Ballots that are received by the Inspector, in properly completed and sealed Envelopes #1 and #2, will be valid for adjourned Membership meetings.
- (c) No ballots may be counted at Membership meetings unless a quorum is present.
- (d) The Secret Ballots will be counted during duly noticed Board or Membership meetings. The Inspector may request that any Meeting be recessed to allow the Inspector to complete the counting and tabulation of the Secret Ballots at another time. Notice of the recessed Meeting will be given to all Members and candidates of the location, dates and times when the counting and tabulation will be performed. The Inspector will continue to maintain custody of all Secret Ballots until the counting and tabulation is complete or may delegate custody to the Association's legal counsel or management.

### 210. 210.Observation/Custody of Ballots, Etc.

- (a) Any candidate or other Member of the Association may witness the opening of sealed Secret Ballots, proxies (if any), and the counting and the tabulation of the votes.
- (b) No person, including any Member of the Association, may open any envelopes or otherwise review any Secret Ballot prior to the time and place at which the envelopes are opened and the Secret Ballots are counted and tabulated by the Inspector.
- (c) The Secret Ballots and other election materials at all times will be in the custody of the Inspector, or at a location designated by the Inspector, for one (1) year after the tabulation of the votes.

#### 211. 211.Consultation With Association

The Inspector will have the authority to confer with Association legal counsel in advance of or at the meeting. Legal counsel represents the Association and does not represent the Members, candidates, Inspector, Board Members, management or any other individual. By the adoption of these Election Rules, Association legal counsel has been authorized by the Board of Directors to provide advice to and to waive the attorney-client confidential communication privilege as determined necessary or prudent by the attorney to inform and advise the Inspector regarding issues or matters related to the Inspector's performance of his/her/their duties for

the Association. The Inspector may confer with Association legal counsel outside the presence of the Members

### 212. 212. Tabulation, Counting, Inspector's Conduct, Etc.

- (a) Once registration for the polls has been closed by the Inspector, if a quorum is present, the Inspector may then open the sealed envelopes and begin the count and tabulation of the ballots. All (sealed) inner (#1) envelopes will be set aside upon opening the duly registered Envelopes #2; Envelopes #1 will then be opened and the ballots tabulated.
- (b) All votes shall be counted and tabulated by the Inspector in public, at a properly noticed open Meeting of the Board or of the Members, after verification of a quorum of the membership.
- (c) If the Inspector opens the envelopes and determines that there is no Secret Ballot in an envelope, the empty Envelope will not be counted towards a quorum or for any other purpose.
- (d) Members and candidates may witness the counting and tabulation from a distance of at least six (6) feet from any Inspector.
- (e) The Inspector will not provide Members or candidates with information, will not answer questions, or engage in discussion, and will not provide any interim counts or tabulations. Inspectors will only provide a final count and tabulation.
- (f) Members and candidates may not communicate with the Inspector during the inspection, opening, counting or tabulation process.
- (g) Any witness or observer may be ejected or removed by the Inspector for any disruptive, noisy, or rude behavior.
- (h) Any Secret Ballot must be legible and clearly marked. If the Secret Ballot is marked to cast more votes than the maximum number of votes permitted, no votes will be counted, and the Secret Ballot will be used for quorum purposes only. A Member does not have to use all of his or her votes, and may cast fewer votes than the maximum number of votes.
- (i) If a Secret Ballot is signed or other identification is written on the Secret Ballot by the owner, the Inspector may determine to count the Secret Ballot. However, neither the Association nor the Inspector will protect the Owner's privacy and neither will be responsible for redacting that information in the event a recount or review of the Secret Ballots is requested.
- (j) The Inspector will certify the results of the election by completing a written report.

#### 213. 213. After Tabulation

- (a) Results of the election or vote shall be announced and be promptly reported to the Board of Directors and the tabulation recorded in the minutes of the next Meeting of the Board. The Inspector may also determine whether the tabulated results will be announced at the Meeting.
- (b) The tabulated results shall be available for review by all Members after the certification of the Membership meeting by the Inspector.
- (c) Tie Votes: In the event of a tie vote among any number of the candidates, unless those candidates are present and agree to break the tie by coin toss, lot, or any other method of determining the results by chance, the Association will notice a special membership meeting and send out ballots to all members for a vote to break the tie. Said vote shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures of this Article, to the extent they are applicable to a run-off vote. No previously cast ballots or proxies will be used at the meeting to break the tie.
- (d) Within fifteen (15) days of the election/vote, the Board shall publicize the tabulated results of the election/vote in a communication directed to all the Members by General Delivery.
- (e) The Secret Ballots, the outer mailing Envelopes (#2), voter list, proxies, candidate registration list, and the meeting registration list ("Association Election Materials"), will be stored in a secure place in the custody of the Inspector, or in a location designated by the Inspector, for one (1) year after the date of the election/vote, at which time custody shall be transferred to the Association.
- (f) In the event of an election challenge and upon receipt of a written request from a Member for review or recount, the Association will make the Association Election Materials available for inspection and review by Members or their authorized representatives. In order to protect the security of the Association Election Materials, one or more Association representatives must be present during such inspection and review.

- (g) Upon the written request of a Member, in compliance with the requirements of Civil Code Section 5200, et seq., the Association shall provide a copy of the Association Election Materials to the requesting Member, with the exception of the outer mailing Envelopes (#2), which may only be inspected and not copied.
- (h) Any recount shall be conducted in a manner that shall endeavor to preserve the confidentiality of the vote. However, the Association will not be responsible for redacting or otherwise protecting any identifying/other information that is written on a Secret Ballot, or other categories of Association Election Materials, by a Member.
- (i) Only one person at a time may review, inspect, or recount the original Association Election Materials. No copies may be made of the outer mailing Envelopes (#2). Cellphones and cameras are not permitted in the room at the time of the inspection, review, or recount. Only the paper and markers provided by the Association may be used to take any notes.
- (j) The Association or the professional Inspector may establish any additional rules and procedures for the review and recount by Members, and a charge or cost may be imposed to be payable by the Members in advance for the time of persons to observe and monitor the review or recount.

## 214. 214.Access to Association Facilities and Communications/ Use of Association Funds

- (a) If any candidate or Member advocating a point of view is provided access to any Association media, including newsletters, Internet web sites, or other Association publications during any campaign, for purposes that are reasonably related to that election, then all candidates and Members advocating a point of view shall be provided with equal access for purposes reasonably related to that election.
- (b) The Association shall not edit or redact the content from the communications of candidates and Members advocating a point of view, but may provide a statement specifying that the candidate or Member, not the Association, is responsible for that content.
- (c) Access to common area meeting spaces, to the extent such exist, will be made available to all candidates and Members advocating a point of view, for purposes reasonably related to the election or vote, at no charge. The Association may set forth the specific dates and times at which such access will occur in the Notice of the Membership meeting.

# 215. 215.PRE- AND POST-MEETING PROCEDURES

- (a) The director who received the most votes will initially chair the Board's first post-election meeting. The first order of business will be the election of the President of the Association from among the directors. Upon being elected, the new President will assume the chair and conduct the election of the Vice President and other officers from among the directors. The Secretary and Treasurer are not required to be directors but must be Members in good standing.
- (b) Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board may meet for the sole purpose of approving the minutes of any meetings held prior to the Annual Meeting, which minutes have not previously been approved. The minutes of this meeting will be approved by vote of the outgoing Board and signed by the outgoing Secretary.

THE FOREGOING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND VOTING RULES WERE ADOPTED on April 17, 2020, by the Board of Directors in a duly noticed open Board meeting following the Board's compliance with Civil Code Section 4360.

#### ATTESTED TO:

By: Anita Bauer

Secretary: April 17, 2020

Notice of Association Rules adoption was provided to the Membership within fifteen (15) days of the adoption date.

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#### ARTICLE 2.1

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Adopted 8/18/90)

SECTION 2.100. CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING Special meetings of Members for any lawful purpose may be called at any time by the Board, by the Association President, or by written notice of 5

percent or more of the Members. (Amended 6/16/01, 8/10/08) [Ref: Corp. Code, Sec. 7510(e)]

#### SECTION 2.101. NOTICES

- (a) A written notice of the meeting shall be given by first class mail of the special meeting to the Members not less than 10 or more than 90 days prior to the meeting date. The notice shall include the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business may be acted upon.
- (b) Upon request in writing to the Association President, Vice-President, or Secretary by any person(s) (other than the Board) entitled to call a special meeting of Members, the officer forthwith shall cause notice to be given to the Members entitled to vote that a meeting will be held at a time fixed by the Board not less than 35 nor more than 90 days after the receipt of the request. If the notice is not given within 20 days after receipt of the request, the persons entitled to call the meeting may give the notice and fix the time, or may secure a court order as provided under Corporation Code Section 7511(c). [Ref: Subdiv. (a), Corp. Code Sec. 7511(a); Subdiv. (b), Corp. Code, Sec. 7511(c)]

#### SECTION 2.102. PRESIDING OFFICER

- (a) The Association President shall preside at the special meeting.
- (b) In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President of the Association shall perform the duties of the President.
- (c) In the absence or disability of both the President and Vice-President, a director selected by the Board shall perform the duties of the President.

#### SECTION 2.103. OUORUM

- (a) The presence of at least one third of the Members, in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum.
- (b) If a quorum is not met at the meeting, it shall be adjourned to a time not less than 48 hours or more than 30 days after the date of the original meeting, at which time the presence of at least one fourth of the Members, in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum. [Ref: Bylaws, Art. V, Sec. 3]

#### SECTION 2.104. ELECTION INSPECTOR; APPOINTMENT; POWERS AND DUTIES

- (a) In advance of the special meeting, the Board shall appoint Inspector of Election to act prior to and during the meeting and any adjournment of it
- (b) The Inspector of Election shall determine the number of memberships outstanding and the voting power of each, the number represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies, receive votes and ballots, hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, determine when the polls shall close, determine the result, and do such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all Members.
- (c) The Inspector of Election shall perform his duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of his ability and as expeditiously as is practical. The decision, act or certificate of the Inspector of Election is effective in all respects. Any report or certificate made by the Inspector of Election is prima Facie evidence of its stated facts.
- (d) The Inspector of Election may appoint one or more individuals, not from the Membership, to assist him in his <u>or her</u> duties. [Ref: Subdiv: (a),(b) & (c); Civil Code Sec. 5105(a)(6) Corp. Code Sec. 7614-(d)] (Amended 1/18/92)

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The purpose and effect of this proposed rule change is to correct the referenced civil code, rules and corporate code and to make clear

#### ARTICLE 4 ARCHERY RANGE (Adopted 7/9/88)

#### SECTION 400. LETHAL WEAPON

A bow and arrow is considered a lethal weapon and must never be aimed at another person, or any animal.

#### SECTION 401. EQUIPMENT

- (a) Target or Roving Arrows must be standard usage.
- (b) Use of broken or cracked wooden arrows is

prohibited

(c) Use of a Crossbow is not permitted since the shorter arrows may be lost in or completelypenetrate the target. (Amended 12/15/01) (d)(c) Broadhead Arrows (used for hunting) are not permitted. (Amended 12/15/01) (e)(d) The Range Master is authorized to inspect

(e)(d) The Range Master is authorized to inspect equipment for safety and suitability for the Range and to restrict or prohibit use of any equipment on the Range that could create a safety hazard.

#### SECTION 402. RANGE COURTESY

- (a) Archers must refrain from notching arrows until they have determined that:
- (1) No other person is between them and their targets;
- (2) No other person is near or behind their targets; and
- (3) All possible safety precautions have been taken.
- (b) Shooting of arrows into the air or anywhere other than at a designated target is prohibited. (c) Archers must never cross an occupied shooting line. (Amended 12/15/01)

#### SECTION 403. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Spectators must refrain from handling equipment while on the Range, staying clear of targets; and remain quiet when archers shoot. (Amended 12/15/01)
- (b) Anyone who is incapable of comprehending the inherent dangers associated with archery or firearms must be accompanied by a responsible member at all times when participating in archery on the Range. The inherent dangers associated with shooting sports and additional recommended safety guidelines are documented in national shooting and archery safety program brochures distributed by the National Rifle Association (www.nra.org) or the National Shooting Sports Foundation (www.nssf. org). (Amended 8/10/08)
- (c) Never shoot alone—leave a "shooting plan" for your personal safety. Shooting is only permitted under Range Master Supervision
- (d) Except for beer and wine, N no person shall bring, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug within the Range or within 30 feet of the border of the Range. Beer and wine are permitted only after all shooting has ceased, all weapons are unloaded and stored, the Range is closed for shooting and the Range Master is present: within the entire shooting range amenity. (Repealed & Added 9/24/94) [Ref: District Ordinance 94-95, Sec 1.11(D)]
- (e) Vulgar or profane language will not be tolerated.
- (f) Dogs and other pets are not permitted within the Range area entire shooting range amenity.
- (g) This article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Amended 12/10/13)

## SECTION 404. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Hours of Range operation are set by the Board and posted on Bulletin Boards.
- (b) In order to promote the safety of persons using the Range, the Range Master is designated the chief enforcement officer of this Article, and shall have the responsibility to ensure the safe operation of the Range. All persons shall respect and obey the instructions of the Range Master and may be removed from the Range by the Range Master for failure to comply with any provision of the C&Rs, Association Bylaws or Rules or instruction of the Range Master. (Repealed and Added 9/24/94) [Ref. District Ordinance No. 94-95, Sec 1.11(E)]
- (c) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Added 12/10/13)

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#### TEXT OF ADOPTED CHANGES

(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

- 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 wil 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 resideing 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

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- (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 101/1/2021)
- 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 daysor longer in length and an annual fee (or pro-rated 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 informaed 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) subsection 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)

- (1) 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(1900))
- (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 (t), 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, acets\_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.

(3) 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:
- 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)

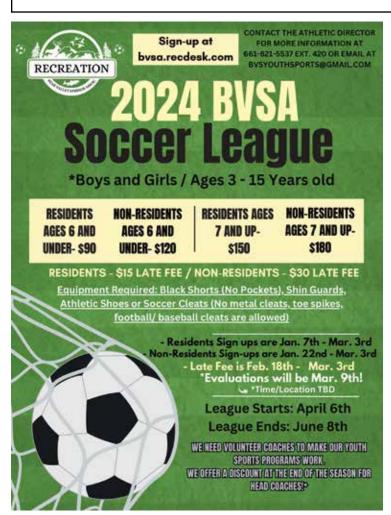
### SECTION 309. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USE AT AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- (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.

#### 2024 OTMGC Golf Tournament Schedule

	Date		Format
January	3	Wednesday	Tournament @ The Links at Riverlakes Ranch G.C., Individual Net
February	5	Monday	Tournament @ Kern River G.C., Individual Net
February	10	Saturday	2 Person Scramble
March	9	Saturday	Two Man Better Ball
April	13	Saturday	Par 3
May	11	Saturday	3 Clubs & A Putter
June	8	Saturday	President's Cup
July	13	Saturday	Red, White & Blue, Individual Net
August	9 & 10	Friday/Saturday	Member/Guest
September	14 & 15	Saturday/Sunday	Club Championship
October	5	Saturday	Play for Pink (Hosted by OTWGC)
October	12	Saturday	Best Ball (9) & Alternate Shot (9), 2 Man Team
November	9	Saturday	4 Person Scramble, Veteran's





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Florida strain Largemouth Bass, and Redear Sunfish. While conducting fish sampling this fall, these stocked fish have shown remarkable growth with some of the Bluegills and Redear Sunfish exceeding 7", and Largemouth Bass growing to over 12". A lot of Crappies have also been sampled, with adults as large as 8" swimming within Four Island and over 12" in Cub Lake. As further proof of the LQAC success, I wanted to report the pictured monster 10.25" Bluegill was sampled from Four Island on 1/9/2024 (full disclosure, this fish is about 7 to 8 years old). In October, 3,000 adult Golden Shiners were captured from Four Island Lake and moved into Cub Lake to enhance the minnow forage base within the lake. December was highlighted by another fish capture/transfer, this time from the 7th hole pond to Four Island Lake, 5,106 adult Green Sunpond and transferred into Four Island Lake. By growing these fish in house, BVSA was able to produce approximately \$35,000 worth of fish with no additional investment from the BVSA membership.

#### Recreation

The LQAC was able to coordinate with the Whiting Center staff to greatly expand recreational opportunities and programs using the lakes in 2023. These programs benefited our BVS residents, their families, and guests. Last year brought in several new programs, including Cub's Camp Out which allowed youth and their adult chaperones to eat, fish, and spend the night along the shores of Cub Lake. 2023 also ushered in a new introductory fishing program, which was offered for the first time. The goal of the program was to help educate adult residents with the basic skills that they would need to be successful while fishing the lakes of Bear Valley with young children. Sister Saturdays was

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another new program which had four sessions during 2023. These Sister Saturdays were held in partnership with Casting for Recovery and Pure Fishing.

"The Mission of Casting for Recovery (CfR) is to enhance the lives of survivors and thrivers of breast cancer by connecting them to each other and nature through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing and providing oncology medical and psychosocial support – at no cost to the participants" (castingfor-

recovery.org).

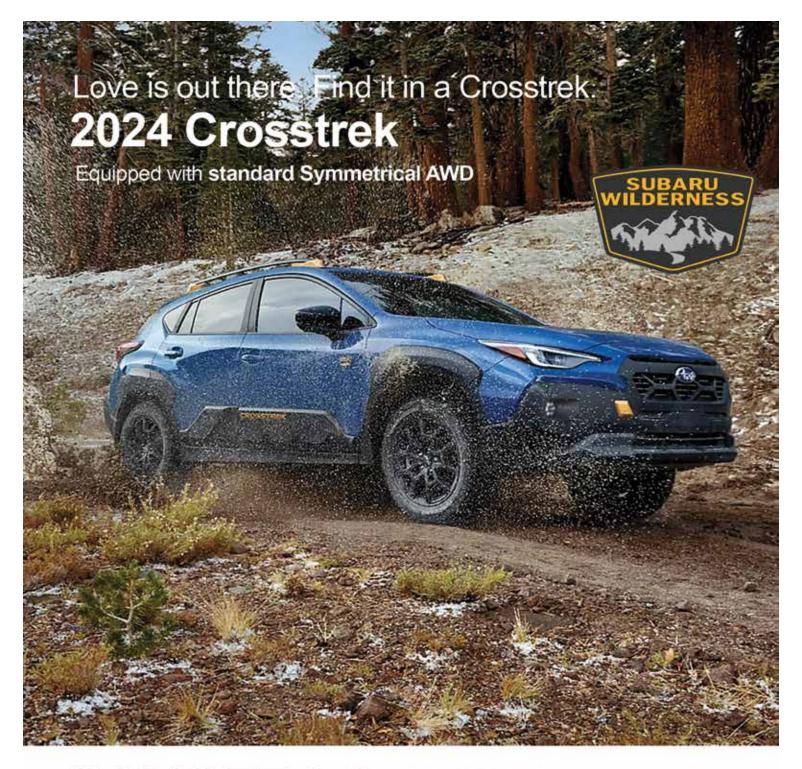
I can't think of a more ideal or serene place than Bear Valley Springs to host these Sister Saturdays. Be on the lookout for old and new recreational lake programs in 2024.

It's been my pleasure to work with the fantastic staff of Bear Valley and the great group of volunteers that make up the Lake Quality Advisory Committee. I'm really excited about what the LQAC has in store for all of us during 2024.

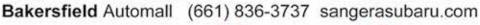




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Animal Control	868-7100
Association	821-5537
Association Fax	821-5406
Bear Valley CSD, bvcsd.com	821-4428
BVS Rangers	661-732-0100
CSD Fax	821-0180
Country Store	821-3102
Equestrian Center	821-3960
Fire Dept. (business)	821-1110
Gate (passes)	821-5261
Gate Fax	821-3507
Golf Shop	821-5144
Mulligan Room	821-4107
Oak Tree Country Club	821-5521
Police Dept	821-3239
Road Conditions	800-427-7623
Weather Information	393-2340
Whiting Center	821-6641

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Larry Wiggins	General Services Supervisor

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE\***

Administration	11:00 am; 3rd Wednesday of the month
Finance	9:00 am; 3rd Wednesday of the month
Infrastructure	9:00 am; 3rd Thursday of the month
Public Safety	3:00 pm; 3rd Thursday of the month
Liaison	10:00 am; 1st Thursday of the month

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