

A Monthly Publication of The Bear Valley Springs Association and The Bear Valley Community Services District VOLUMIE 20 - FEBRUARY 2025

> PRSRT STD U.S.POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #6563 SLC UT 84115

Meet your new CSD Board members Page 4

Emergency Radio Team preparing for the worst Page 21

A message from the Manager

Dear Bear Valley Springs Members,

As we start a new year, I wanted to give you some current updates on things that we have been working on to improve your enjoyment of the amenities and update you on other items I thought might be of interest to you. Please read the entire Bear Tracks magazine to find out what is going on in the month of February!

Wildfire Preparedness

In January, based on the fires that occurred in Los Angeles and the continued drought this winter, we realized that it was necessary to ensure that our lake water capacity was as full as possible as we head into the spring and to ensure an adequate source of water for firefighting efforts if needed.

In January, based on the water levels in Cub Lake, we

February 2025 Bear Tracks cover photo taken by **Beth Siler**





"LOVE, PEACE & FREEDOM" will be on display at the Mulligan Room in BVS for the month of February

PRIDE

18x24 Ink

This is a favorite by many. The entire page was covered in ink and then I took away the part I didn't want, which stained the paper in the background. Pride is a deep feeling of pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements.

For a private showing at CHARISSE FINE ART Studio in Bear Valley Springs, Tehachapi, please contact: info@charissefineart.com | www.charissefineart.com

Greeting Cards & Prints are also available.

asked the CSD to turn on the well water so we could increase the water levels of the lake over the next few months. In addition to Cub Lake, Mountain View Consulting is monitoring the water levels at Four Island and has also confirmed that the amount of water currently in Jack's Hole is sufficient and could be used as an additional source of water in an emergency.

We will continue to collaborate with the Community Services District and monitor the water levels at our lakes.

Bullhead Catfish Harvest

TEHACHAPI, CA 93561

In addition to monitoring lake levels and the lake wa-



Submitted by Don Ciota, CMCA General Manager/COO

ter quality, the netting season started in January. Based on reports from Mountain View Consulting, we are happy to report that there were very few adult bullhead catfish be-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 22



BEAR VALLEY'S RESIDENT SALES TEAM	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BEAR VALLEY!
Stop in And SEE CAROL AND EMILY AT OUR KELLER WILLAMS OFFICE IN BEAR VALLEY, NEXTTO THE MARKET!Carol Miller 661 972-6044 	MY LISTINGS SELLI Mow taking listings for the New Year! Call me to discuss your home value! Homestead! This 2.57-ac mini farm in Oak Knolls features a 2018sf former 3B/2B + office, central HVAC, masonry fireplace. Private well, & fully paid solar panels. The property offers a charming patio with an outdoor kitchen, pizza oven, hot tub, & fruit tree orchard. Horse-ready with barns, pastures, & a 5-stall goat barn. Secluded with stunning mountain views, full fencing, and an automatic gate, \$599,000
SOLD27320 OakflatBVSrep buyer\$599,00018001 HambletonianSSrep buyer\$450,00024840 Keene CtBVSrep seller\$354,00022521 Fargo WayBVSrep buyer\$599,00029912 Caddy LaneBVSrep buyer\$389,900NEW LISTING	COMMERCIAL JUST LISTED! JUST LISTED! Location Location! Down the street
Located just minutes from the Country Club, golf course, pools and pickleball, tennis courts, this 5 bedroom 4 bath home offers a newer roof, solar panels with backup battery, newer outside deck, updated kitchen appliances and more! Enjoy the panoramic view of Bear Valley Springs, with 2800+ square feet of living space and 5+ acres – Call for more information! - \$599,000	from Wal-Mart & adjacent to the Dollar General! Approx 2.20 acres. Zoned C-1. Curbs & sidewalks in. Corner Lot, natural gas, utilities at street. Perfect location for Drive Thru, Restaurant, Store front, many possibilities. Last commercial parcel available on Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails right out your back door, perfect for outdoor enthu- siasts. The clean air & starry nights add an enchanting touch! Exceptional at \$34,900! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails right out your back door, perfect for outdoor enthu- siasts. The clean air & starry nights add an enchanting touch! Exceptional at \$34,900! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails right out your back door, perfect for outdoor enthu- siasts. The clean air & starry nights add an enchanting touch! Exceptional at \$34,900! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails ight out your back door, perfect for outdoor enthu- siasts. The clean air & starry nights add an enchanting touch! Exceptional at \$34,900! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails ight out your back door, perfect for outdoor enthu- siasts. The clean air & starry nights add an enchanting touch! Exceptional at \$34,900! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Extensive horse and hiking trails for Tucker. \$649,000! Interest Markowski as a gem. Exten
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY	Cal BRE #01281667 experience specializing in Bear Valley properties. Each office is independently owned and operated.
To advertise in Bear Tr	acks, call 661-822-8101
 Portable Toilets & Sinks Septic Pumping Construction Clean-up Septic Certification Temporary Fencing 	THE HEAT SOURCE661-823-01170817 South Street • TehachapiFIREPLACE CLEANINGSingle Story Chimney Sweep\$140.00Wo-Story Chimney Sweep\$160.00

- Temporary Fencing
- Percolation Testing Septic Installations/Repairs

SimSanitation.com - License # 939122

Bear Tracks

Pellet Stove Annual Service

\$175.00

NOW OFFERING SEAMLESS RAINGUTTERS!

Meet Your New Bear Valley Community **Services District Board of Directors**

This year brings a new look for the CSD Board of Directors. The 2025 board has two new members who were elected in November, Directors Paul Paparella and Claude Tabor. Incumbent Director Michael Lewis was re-elected to his position and will provide continuity along with Directors Geva Frevert and Martin Hernandez, whose seats were not up for election in 2024.

After the new and re-elected members were sworn in, the board selected new leadership, naming Geva Frevert as Board President and Paul Paparella as Vice President.

Board President Geva Frevert

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

In 2017, I retired from the Palmdale division of Lock-



Geva Frevert

heed Martin Aeronautics. In addition, I had worked for a few other aerospace firms, including NASA at Edwards Air Force Base, for several years. Having worked in the industry for more than 30 years, my duties included a variety of specialized engineering functions including writing detailed instructions for aircraft buildup, liaison work (resolving any non-conforming aircraft issues), electromechanical, systems, operations, and instrumentation engineering just to name a few. I have had the pleasure of serving as the lead engineer on several critical and classified aircraft projects throughout my career, including those involving unmanned aerial vehicles, drones, bombs, and missiles. Being able to plan and construct an entire data acquisition system was very satisfying, since instrumentation provides the key to safety of flight/test for all test programs.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE CSD BOARD **OF DIRECTORS?**

My prior two and a half years of attending meetings and serving on committees served as the foundation for my choice to run for the Board of Directors.

I thought we could do more than one or two things at once, even as some important issues were being addressed. We will fall further behind if we can't multitask as a district. I argued that residents wanted to know where the General Fund revenues would go and where the primary infrastructure plan was when the police and gate tax measures were proposed. My hope was to assist in moving the district forward with an all-encompassing infrastructure plan and addressing longterm funding for major roads and water expenditures, all the while maintaining a healthy budget.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER?

Giving the public a thorough explanation of the district's **CONTINUED ON PAGE 24**



Horsemen's Club welcoming new members

The Bear Valley Springs Horsemen's Club meets on the third Monday of each month at the Equestrian Center Lounge, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We are neighbors, family and friends who share a common interest with all the residents in our desire to see an active, prosperous community.

We strive to promote good fellowship among the people of Bear Valley Springs and a natural blend of equestrians with all the residents of the community.

Your hometown

FARMERS

Professionals!

Singer Patz 212 West F St, Tehachapi, CA Insurance Agency 661-822-3737

Life | Commercial | Home | Earthquake | Auto

We promote equestrian related activities and facilities and support the acquisition and preservation of riding and hiking trails in Bear Valley Springs. We strive to promote the interests of all riding disciplines. We encourage safety, good horsemanship and sportsmanship.

We invite you to participate in the protection, promotion and preservation of the riding and hiking trails that help to define our community. Everyone is welcome and horse-ownership is not necessary. Your first year of membership is FREE! We are on Facebook: Bear Valley Springs Horsemen's Association and BVS Equestrians to keep all of equestrians informed of activities. For more information, please contact our President, Kris Pimentel at 805-441-6814 (text please) or email pimentelkris22@gmail.com.

Happy Trails.



A Quarter Century of Blessings: Reflections on Life in Bear Valley Springs

Twenty-four years. It's a significant milestone, a testament to the enduring magic of this remarkable place. Looking back on my journey in Bear Valley Springs, a profound sense of gratitude washes over me.

From the moment we arrived, captivated by the breathtaking scenery and the palpable sense of community, I knew we had found something truly special. The wildlife encounters – the majestic deer grazing in our backyard, the soaring hawks circling overhead – have become cherished memories. But it's the human connection that truly defines this place. The neighbors who become friends, the shared laughter, the helping hands extended during challenging times – these are the threads that weave the fabric of our community.

A dream I cherished for years finally blossomed into reality with the opening of Keller Williams Tehachapi with our first location right here in Bear Valley Springs! More than just a real estate office, it's a testament to the vibrant spirit of this community. It's a place where dreams of finding the perfect home, building a fulfilling life, and investing in the future of this special corner of the world can become a reality.

Living in Bear Valley Springs has been an extraordinary privilege. It's a place where the pace of life slows down, allowing us to appreciate the simple joys – a breathtaking sunset, a leisurely hike on one of our beautiful trails, or the quiet companionship of a good book.

While challenges undoubtedly exist, the rewards far outweigh the inconveniences. The sense of belonging, the connection to nature, and the opportunity to build a life surrounded by beauty and genuine human connection make Bear Valley Springs truly a gift.

To the residents of this remarkable community, thank you for welcoming us with open arms. To those considering making Bear Valley Springs their home, I extend a warm invitation to experience the magic for yourselves.





KELLERWILLIAMS. 26900 BEAR VALLEY RD TEHACHAPI, CA 93561 KLRW1179@KW.com • DRE# 02248397 661-821-5567

661-301-6068

Crime Prevention is everybody's business

Submitted by Dain Hurst BVS Chief of Police

As we dive into the New Year, one of my key responsibilities as your Chief of Police—and a basic duty of every law enforcement officer—is crime prevention. While tracking down, arresting, and holding offenders accountable is essential, preventing crime before it occurs is smart business.

Bear Valley enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the county, and this article is not prompted by an increase in crime. Recent statistics show that our crime rates stay stable. However, even when overall crime rates are low, those affected by crimes, particularly property crimes like burglary, vehicle theft, or theft from vehicles, feel no less victimized. They are still victims, and we can always strive to do better. Here are crime prevention tips to help protect your home, vehicles, and neighborhood from burglars and thieves:

Protecting Your Home

• Thieves are opportunists. They target easy marks and tend to avoid homes that are well-protected.

• Lock your doors. Always lock your house, garage, and sheds. Making this a habit is an easy and effective deterrent.

• Inspect for vulnerabilities. Side and rear entrances, often hidden from street view, are common entry points for burglars. Reinforce strike plates on side doors with 2" to 3" screws and consider upgrading hollow-core doors to solid ones.

• Secure your windows. Unlocked windows are a burglar's second-favorite entry point after flimsy doors.

• Be cautious with garage



openers. Do not leave remote garage door openers in plain view inside your vehicle.

• Consider a camera system. Affordable and easy to install, systems like Ring doorbell cameras (starting around \$100) allow you to check your home from your smartphone. They are an excellent complement to an alarm system.

Protecting Your Vehicle

• Lock your vehicle. Petty thieves simply check for unlocked doors and avoid vehicles that are secure. This pattern has been seen in Bear Valley.

• Remove valuables from sight. Do not leave personal

CONTINUED ON PAGE 20



DESIGN INSPIRED REMODEL EXPERT PLANNING & PERMITS

We can help with all of your construction needs. With over 30 years experience, we offer free consultation, design ideas, and upfront estimates.

- GARAGE, SHOP & ADU BUILDS
- BATHROOM & KITCHEN REMODELS
- ROOM ADDITIONS
- NEW DECKS
- EXISTING DECK REMODELS
- ALL INTERIOR FLOORING & TRIMS
- REQUIRED INSURANCE UPGRADES
- PLUMBING LEAK MONITORS

- EXTERIOR FIREPROOFING
- SIDING
- PAINTING
- WINDOWS & DOORS
- COMPLETE ROOM MAKEOVERS
- DRIVEWAYS & WALKWAYS
- GENERAL HOME IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIRS

David Allende, Owner



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND WHERE:

WHITING CENTER BASKETBALL CT CHECK-IN: 3 PM / GAMES: 4 PM

*MUST BE 21 YRS OR OLDER TO PLAY

• REGISTRATION: NOW-2/17/25 WE MUST HAVE MIN. OF 10 TEAMS REGISTERED BY 2/17

- RESIDENTS \$50 (PER TEAM)
- NON-RESIDENTS \$60 (PER TEAM)
- DOUBLE ELIMINATION

FOOD, BEER, & SELTZER FOR PURCHASE

CASH PRIZES:

- 1ST PLACE- \$ 200
- 2ND PLACE- \$ 100



QUESTIONS CALL LINDA WETTA 661-821-5537 EXT 450

REGISTER AT BVSA.RECDESK.COM

Controlling access to BVS Community

Submitted by James Panek BVSA Board Director

Good afternoon Bear Valley members. We here at the Bear Valley Springs Association have recently been dealing with questions regarding the access to Bear Valley. The front gate has been experiencing some difficulties in obtaining parts or software for the automated system. We understand that some of the RFID stickers are not working, which has caused concern and some residents to be denied entry. We wanted to provide an understanding of the differentiate between access and amenity privilege.

At the BVSA, we issue to members and tenants (who have assigned privileges) an amenity identification card to access and utilize the amenities. Although the amenity card is connected to the gate system, it is not the sole means of access. The Community Services District/Bear Valley Police Department are in control of the front gate, the employees and access to Bear Valley. In recent years, we have had a number of people who are either visitors, renters who have not been assigned the owners privileges and family members that don't reside in BVS on a permanent basis, requesting and sometimes demanding an amenity card to gain entry to Bear Valley.

We are working with the CSD to develop a system as to where an "Access Only" card can be created that will not be confused with an amenity card. A setback to this development is, tying it into the current operating system. We completely understand the frustration surrounding this issue, and we are

trying to work towards a financially responsible and efficient solution for all Bear Valley residents, while maintaining the integrity of our amenities from over use and use by non-members.

We apologize for the delays.

We have two entities with very different responsibilities trying to come to a positive solution within each one's rules and budget. We are hopeful to get to a resolution sooner rather than later.

To advertise in *Bear Tracks*, call 661-822-8101



Local Refreat and Renta STALLION SPRINGS, CA VACATION RENTAL • EVENT SPACE• CORPORATE RETREATS Escape to a serene, fully-furnished venue in nature. Perfect for corporate retreats, small events, family gatherings, short-term rentals, wellness retreats, culinary experiences and more. • 7,200 SQ. FT COMING SOON! 5BD/5BA INDOOR/OUTDOOR interested in hosting your own, PRIVATE LAKE FOR FISHING AMENITIES

TheWingfootHouse.com • (661) 484-1840

Binocular Astronomy

You likely own a pair of binoculars. Or perhaps you got some as a holiday gift? If so, you might be surprised to learn that you already have the best equipment with which to begin viewing the celestial wonders above our valley! After all, your binoculars are actually a pair of telescopes, one for each eye.

Binoculars are specified by two numbers such as 10x35. The first number is the magnification (or power) - how many times larger they make something appear. In this case, 10x. The second number is the aperture. 35 means the diameter of the front lens is 35mm. Most any binoculars will do but the best for astronomy are lower magnification with larger apertures. Low magnification makes holding your binocs steady enough easier. The larger the aperture, the more light is collected and the brighter the image. The tradition for casual

astronomy are 7x50 but 10x50 or even 10x35 still work well.

How to start? Pick a clear, dark night with little or no moon and away from artificial lights. You want to dress warmly to be comfortable. Perhaps include some warm coffee or tea. A chair helps to steady your image. You'll need a star chart to learn what's currently up and where to look. Sky & Telescope has an online interactive sky chart at https:// skyandtelescope.org/interactive-sky-chart.

One favorite binocular object this time of year is the Orion Nebula. Find the constellation Orion which is to the south in the evening right now. Orion the Hunter is easily identifiable by the bright amber star Betelgeuse at the top, the equally bright bluish star Rigel at the bottom and the line three stars that make up Orion's Belt between.





Hanging downward from the left side of the Belt are three more stars that make the Sword of Orion. Fix your gaze on the center "star" of the Sword and bring the glasses up to your eyes. You should now see that this is not a star but the spectacular Orion Nebula - one of the brightest star forming regions in the northern sky! Don't be in a rush. You'll find that the longer you look, the more you see.

Practice finding the nebula in your binocs several times before moving on. Other superb objects this month include the Pleiades star cluster, the Andromeda Galaxy and the Double Cluster between Cassiopeia and Perseus.

This simple beginning can quickly get you comfortable with the sky and could lead to a life-long passion.





10





ROOFING Siding, Windows & Doors

Lic # 967427





ARE YOU TIRED OF THE PROPANE COMPANIES YET?

Time to Go High Efficiency Heat Pump! Contact Us for a FREE Home Evaluation

ARCTICAIR ARCTICAIR

FREE One Time System Tune Up

Now Serving Bear Valley Springs!

Call or Text 661-390-9916 www.ArcticAirAV.com



Crown cleaning, shaping & reduction

• Mistletoe removal

• Tree removal • Tree stump grinding

> Land clearing & much more

Contractors State Lic. #1074941 · CGL & Workers' Comp. Insured paragontreecare@gmail.com

www.paragontreecare.com





BVSA RECOGNIZED CLUBS

BVSA Recognized Clubs enjoy the benefits conveyed to them as per the BVSA Rules, Article 18.

• **ASTRONOMY CLUB** - Enjoy the night skies and learn about Astronomy with an enthusiastic group. Monthly meetings Monthly meeting 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm, Oak Tree Country Club. Contact: Pres. Claude Plymate, info@bvsac.org

• **BUCKAROOS** - Promotes safe, fun western cowboy activities for kids and adults alike. All levels of riders welcome. President Jeff Kermode @ (661) 343-7503, 1st VP George McMackin @ (661) 400-1333, 2nd VP Erika Underwood @ (805) 705-1123, Treasurer Cheryl Akerly @ (661) 609-6113 & Secretary Debi Kermode @ (949) 291-0551

• **BV AQUATICS CLUB** - is a group organized to advance the principles of aquatic health and fitness for BVSA as specified by the club by-laws. The club promotes responsible off-season use for recreation and fitness designated for lap swimmers and water aerobics. Contact the club via email bvaquatics2023@gmail.com.

• BVS VINTAGE DANCE AND TEA GROUP - Historical English Country Dancing. All welcome! Join Facebook page or Group Me app, BVS Vintage Dance and Tea Society or call Martha (818) 442-7888.

• **BVS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.

• **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926

• **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Contact: Lee Tharp, Commander, 818-515-0241, sltharp@aol.com or Jed Hannan, Membership, 818-414-2430, jerseyjed@aol. com.

• **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the OTC reception room. Email: BVSWild-lifeCoalition@gmail.com

• **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact President Chris Hobbs, hobbs939@yahoo.com.

• **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ 802-343-5483

• **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Robin Goodwin (831) 212-5643.

• **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact President: Leana Mitchell, 805-758-8902.

• **DRESSAGE** - Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: https://bvsdc.org/. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.

• FOUR SEASONS 4-H - 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm Contacts: Sarah Mountjoy sarah.mtjoy05@gmail.com or Heather Dobbs hrosepressley@gmail.com or call 609-0554

• **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Tammy Reich – bvsgardenclub@gmail.com.

• **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.

• HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Kris Pimentel @ 805-441-6814 (text please) or pimentelkris22@gmail.com.

• OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB - Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.

• OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF - For Information Call President, Tony Velarde at (818) 974-1009 The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Thursday before a tournament or the second Thursday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 7:30 am in the Mulligan Room

• OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF - Open play — Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday — Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday — Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing or joining, contact the Pro Shop at 821-5144 or Joy Webber at 661-300-1536 or email: joyw2121@icloud.com.

• **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Clint Harris, 661-300-8987, Clinton.Harris@sunbeltrentals.com

• **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.

• **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.

• **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818-961-4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.

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

• TENNIS CLUB - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** – Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) - Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.

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

• **CERT** – Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/

• **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

• **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** – We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Kimberly Clow at kclow@sbcglobal.net

• **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)** – Contact 661-271-0413 for brochure and information.



Meet the BVCSD Team: Chester Chapman, Public Works Director

Describe your top goals:

My top goal when I came into this position was to eliminate roadblocks that our Public Works team has faced in order to get projects moving in the right direction. Now that I have been able to get the projects underway, my next top goal is to put together a short-term and long-term plan to improve our infrastructure.

Describe the structure of your department/unit:

First off, I want to say I have a phenomenal team here in the



20577 South Street

Public Works Department. I report to the General Manager of the CSD and oversee the Water Department, Wastewater Department, Roads Department, Fleet, Facilities, and the Transfer Station. I currently have four supervisors and an administrative assistant who report to me. They are the boots on the ground for those departments and they have their teams that report to them.

Describe your typical day:

I can tell you... no two days are the same. Typically, my day starts coming in early with all my teams and joining their morning team meetings to see their plans and goals for the day. I like to be part of the morning briefs to offer any help that is needed and assist in any roadblocks that need to be moved so that the teams can do their jobs safely and efficiently. Once those meetings are finished, I make it to my desk to go over any service/ contact request forms that may be on my desk from residents, go through emails, and check the status of current and future projects (big and small) to ensure I understand their contracts and requirements. I typically like to go out into the field mid-day, get with my teams to see how their day is going, continue offering any assistance needed, and finish my day with meetings or emails that need responses.

Describe your most immediate priority:

veloas

My most immediate priority is ensuring that my team has all the tools needed to perform their jobs safely and efficiently. Along with that is getting a comprehensive plan together for our roads and water infrastructure. When I started, I was briefed on a list of items the supervisors had concerns about with all departments that needed immediate attention,



and they expressed the frustrations with the roadblocks that they were running into. I was able to address their concerns and move the roadblocks and that has now enabled me to start looking at future infrastructure projects that will benefit not only the residents of Bear Valley but the employees as well.

Describe projects/events underway and those planned:

We currently have a few projects underway.

• We are currently working with an engineering group that will provide construction engineering services for roadway repair and replacement projects within Bear Valley.

• We will be starting our replacement of our Oak Flat Booster Station at the beginning of this year

• We are currently working to rehab water wells so that we can pull from our own basin here in Bear Valley and cut down on the amount of water we need to purchase from TC-CWD (Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District)

• We are currently working on our RFP (Request for Proposal) for our water distribution system



FEBRUARY 2025 WHITING CENTER EVENTS

SPORTS:

- Hockey- League play continues through Feb. 24th
- Soccer- Sign-up through March 3rd
 - Resident Fees- Ages 3-6: \$90/ Ages 7-15: \$150
 - Non-Resident Fees- Ages 3-6: \$120/Ages 7-15: \$180
- Late Fee: Feb 24th March 3rd Add \$15
 - Evaluations Sat, March 8th time- TBA
 - League begins April 4th- Ends June 7th

EVENTS:

- Veterans Bingo: Feb. 1st-
- Doors open 12:30 pm/ Games at 1 pm Cornhole Tournament: Sat. Feb. 22nd

 - Cash Prizes
 - Resident Fee \$50-Non-Resident \$60 per team Register Now- must have 10 teams registered by Feb. 17th

TEHACHAPI SCHOOLS MINIMUM DAYS 2 PM - 3:30 PM

- Wed, Feb. 2nd Craft
- Wed. Feb 26th Astronomy Club
 - ALL TIMES, DATES, AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Heal the Root Cause:

- Migraine Headaches
- Hip Imbalance/Short Leg
- Scoliosis
- Arm & Leg Pain/Numbness
- Brain Fog
- High Blood Pressure
- Vertigo & Meniere's Disease
- Digestive Disorders
- Concussion
- TMJ Disorders

No Twisting, Cracking, Jerking of the Head. Neck or Spine:

Gentle & Advanced Health Care

Call Now For Your FREE Consultation

Dr. Chris Seeley Upper Cervical Chiropractor 20412 Brian Way, Bldg. 4 TehachapiWellness.com

ERCHONIA LASER TECHNOLOGY

In Old Towne at

823-9355

JOIN US FOR VALENTINE'S

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

RESERVATIONS STARTING AT 4PM

THE OAKS RESTAURANT

Valentine's Day Dinner & Appetizer Specials, & A La Carte Menu

Call (661) 821-5537 extension 225 to make a reservation.

Valentine's Day Specials — Appetizers—

Cheese Plate

Warmed baguette, mixed olives, bread dip, butter, strawberries, grapes, candied pecans & your choice of 3 cheeses.

Crab Cakes

Two pan seared crab cakes served with a Cajun tartar sauce.

Stuffed Artichoke

Whole artichoke stuffed with Parmesan. herbs, & spiced breadcrumbs served with a lemon garlic butter.

Cocoa & Coffee Crusted Ribeye

Served over a bourbon cream sauce with crostinis.

Intrees

Surf & Turf

6 oz Filet Mignon, sauteed shrimp, scallops, & lobster served with a garlic

cream sauce. **Chicken Pinot Noir**

Chicken Thighs slowly braised in a pinot noir mushroom sauce served over house made pappardelle pasta.

Served with a pomegranate salsa & 2 sides of your choice.

Pan Seared Halibut

Red Wine Tortelli

Parmesan, Ricotta, & herb mixture wrapped in house made red wine tortellini & tossed in a roasted tomato cream sauce. Served with crostini's.

Osso Buco

Bone-in beef shanks braised in a red wine tomato broth & served over parmesan Risotto.

+ Dessert Specials

THE OAK TREE COUNTRY CLUB

WEDNESDAYS Jambalaya \$21

Shrimp, chicken, & andouille sausage in a Cajun vegetable broth served over rice.

THURSDAYS

Shredded Beef Shepherds Pie \$18 Braised Beef in a tomato vegetable broth topped with broiled Parmesan mashed potatoes.

FRIDAYS Osso Buco \$39

Braised bone-in beef shanks in a red wine tomato broth served over a Parmesan risotto.

SATURDAYS

Spanish Paella \$31 Shrimp, clams, & calamari in a saffron rice with a tomato, herb, & vegetable broth. Served with crostinis.

SUNDAYS Prime Rib \$34/37

Slow Roasted 10 or 12 ounce prime rib served with horseradish and au jus, with choice of two sides.

+ daily specials!

BVS Horsemen's Association trails – Keep them safe

It's that time year again; wet weather trail etiquette means avoiding trails that are overly muddy or wet, staying on designated paths to minimize damage, and being mindful of how your footsteps impact the soil, essentially prioritizing the trail's health by waiting for it to dry out if necessary and choosing alternative routes when conditions are too wet. This includes not creating new ruts or widening existing trails by going around puddles and

Dr. John E. Fagan

OPTOMETRIST

unte View Ont

respecting any trail closures due to wet conditions.

Key points of trail etiquette after rain (or snow):

• Check conditions before heading out: Always assess the trail status before going, especially after rain (or snow), as some trails may be temporarily closed due to muddiness.

• Stay on the trail: Stick to the designated path to minimize erosion and damage to sensitive areas.

the trail is muddy, avoid making hoof prints by staying in existing paths.

• Ride through puddles, not around them: Ride through puddles instead of creating new detours that can widen the trail.

• Choose appropriate trails: Choose steeper slopes or trails with better drainage if you must ride after rain (or snow).

• Be PATIENT: If trails are too wet, consider waiting a few days or longer for them to dry out before riding.

If you see any issues on our trails, be sure to report them to Doug Slavin, Equestrian Center Manager, as he is responsible for the trail conditions. 🏙



Kehachapi Installation & Design Since 2005 661-805-1979 tehachapitile.com Lic. 889176 **SPECIALIZING IN:** Floors • (Tile-Laminate-Stone) • Showers **Countertops** • Back Splashes **OFFERING:** All-Inclusive Bathroom Remodels • Waterproofing All Rough & Finish Work • Demolition & Removal **Quality Installations** Scan to Schedule Free Estimate Steve Olson – Owner VISA **Bear Tracks**

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

items or valuables where they are visible.

• Store loose change out of sight. Instead of leaving change in open cup holders or ashtrays, use a small container and keep it hidden.

• Avoid leaving personal information inside. Never leave documents like your driver's license or mail in your vehicle.

Protecting Your Neighborhood

• Know your neighborhood. at

Build relationships with your neighbors and work together to keep a watchful eye on your area.

• Be vigilant. Pay attention to unusual activities, vehicles, or pedestrians. When it comes to protecting your community, being curious and observant pays off.

• Monitor vacant homes. Vacant properties are tempting targets. Stay in touch with the owners and know how to contact them if something seems amiss. • Report suspicious activity. Trust your instincts. If something does not seem right, do not wait—call us. False alarms are better than missed opportunities to prevent a crime.

Services Offered by the Bear Valley Police Department

• Vacation Patrol Check Program: Planning a trip? Sign up for Vacation Patrol Checks by completing a confidential form available at the Police Department counter. This program

VOLUNIEERS NEEDED

JOIN A CSD COMMITTEE

Administration Committee - Reviews personnel, general District policy, and other management matters. Meets @ 10:00 am on the 4th Tuesday of even numbered months.

Finance Committee - Reviews budgetary and other financial matters. Meets @ 9:00 am on the 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months.

Infrastructure Committee - Reviews plans for the development, operation and maintenance of District infrastructure. Meets @ 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of even numbered months.

Public Safety Committee - Reviews public safety issues such as police, disaster preparedness and response programs, and fire protection. Meets @ 1:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of odd numbered months.

Volunteers will be appointed by the Board of Directors in March 2025 for 2 year term.



Term

If you are interested in serving on any of the above committees as a volunteer, submit a letter of interest by February 28, 2025 to:

denise@bvcsd.org Subject: Committee Recruitment

Use your talents to serve your community

helps us check your home while you are away.

• Senior Welfare Check Program: This service is available to seniors living alone. Police staff will check in with registered members via phone on a schedule that works for them (daily, every other day, or weekly). To enroll, contact Imelda Rizo at 661-821-3239, ext. 201.

Remember, crime prevention is a shared responsibility. Together, we can keep Bear Valley's reputation as a safe and secure community.

Be safe. 🏙

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

• We are working on getting a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system for our Wastewater Treatment Plant

• We are currently looking at and updating our SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) for the Transfer Station

• Multiple mainline replacements, well efficiency upgrades, and booster station efficiency upgrades

• Springtime will bring the right weather for our road striping project

What would you like for the residents of BVS to know?

The district and the employees have the residents, community, and infrastructure improvement as their top priority. Our team works hard every day to keep things running safely and efficiently with a very limited budget. I also want the residents to know that I am an open book, and they are free to call or email me at any time with their questions, comments, or concerns and I will do my best to get them resolved.

For more information about Public Works, email CChapman@BVCSD.org or call 661-805-9255.

BVS Emergency Radio Team is ready for the worst

Submitted by David Walter Contributing Writer

The Bear Valley Springs Emergency Radio Team (BVSERT) is an official part of the BVS Emergency System. The ERT is an affiliate of TARA (Tehachapi Amateur Radio Association) and is composed of licensed amateur radio (Ham) operators in BVS and adjacent communities.

The primary function of the ERT is emergency radio communications in case of a disaster. Ham radio operates independently of traditional infrastructure, making it a crucial backup communication system during emergencies. When traditional communication channels fail, amateur radio operators can step in to relay important messages, coordinate rescue efforts, and provide critical updates to first responders.

To support emergency communications in the Valley, BVSERT has initiated the Resident Radio Program (RRP). This is a voluntary program that connects the residents of BVS to amateur radio emergency communications.

In recent California disasters such as the Paradise fire, all forms of communication were destroyed except for amateur radio. The RRP is designed for residents to receive information from the BVS Police Chief or his designated representative in the event of an emergency.

To achieve this, a radio is provided to participating residents to be placed in their residence. The radio is programmed and tested by the ERT. Per FCC regulations, the radio will only receive, not transmit. The radio is battery powered and mobile. It can operate for 48 hours when fully charged. The radio will be activated (alerted) at the direction of the BVS Police Chief



or his representative. Instructions will be broadcast over the radio. The residents will be able to receive and monitor information until the situation is no longer considered an emergency to BVS.

In summary, the RRP will function independently of cell, internet, and electrical. It is activated by the Police Chief or their representative. The information via radio is specific to BVS and therefore timely and more accurate. Together we can build a stronger and safer community with the ERT and RRP.

If you are interested in be-

coming a licensed amateur radio operator and joining the ERT or need additional information about the RRP, go to ac6ee.org.

Also, plan to attend the TARA monthly meeting held on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Tehachapi Police Station conference room or the ERT meeting on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the BVS Equestrian Center Lounge.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Come to the next meeting:

Public Safety Committee - Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Finance Committee - Tuesday, January 28, 2025 @ 9:00 am

Infrastructure Committee - Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Administration Committee - Tuesday, February 25, 2025 @ 10:00 am

All Committees meet at the Bear Valley CSD Administration Office 28999 S. Lower Valley Road

Use your talents to serve your community





January Bullhead Catfish Harvest

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

ing harvested; however, the juvenile bullhead catfish from past few years have grown. Although the overall number of fish being netted is down, the catch rate by pound (3,522 lbs. were netted as of mid-January) has gone up as the juveniles have matured. I want to thank Mountain View consulting and the interns for all their hard work keeping the lakes and our fish population healthy.

Free Natural Mulch

If you have not noticed, there is a perpetual pile of mulch over at the Beaubien Athletic Field near the entrance to the Nature Trail. This mulch comes from the tree company who trims our trees. Based on the number of downed trees last winter and the amount of mulch generated from tree removal and debris clean up on an on-going basis,



Storage area, before



Free Mulch Pile



Storage area, after







NEED HELP OR WANT MORE FROM YOUR MEDICARE INSURANCE?? Turning 65? Retiring Soon?

Make the right decision – Get the information you need and avoid common mistakes.

Your Local Agent



Lilly Tapia-Montiel Licensed Insurance Agent Call me for a FREE consultation with no obligation to enroll Office: 661-495-0087 • Cell: 661-492-9928 Iillyh0109@yahoo.com CALic #0691629

New hours – Fridays by appointment only The Village Collective • 122 S. Green St., Suite 5 • Tehachapi

BVSA is mulched out! We are inviting residents who need to mulch planter beds around trees or areas that need some ground cover to come over to the Beaubien Athletic Field and help yourself to some free mulch. In our continuing efforts to keep the amenities looking clean, we will not be using this area to store mulch in the future. Please contact the Administration Office so we can make the Rangers aware you are coming by to pick up some mulch.

Equestrian Center Clean Up and New Equipment

Over at the Equestrian Center, the staff has been busy cleaning up the unsightly debris and junk from the enclosed storage areas. We have made considerable progress over the past year, and I want to thank the staff for all of their hard work cleaning up the storage area so it can be utilized to secure our tractors and equipment when not in use. In addition to the clean-up at the Equestrian Center, as part of our 2024/ 2025 equipment purchases, the new John Deere tractor and Kubota Utility Vehicle have arrived. These pieces of equipment and the new Roto-Harrow that will be used to groom the arena will have a significant impact on the productivity around the Equestrian Center and the manicured conditions of the arenas.

I want to thank everyone for their support last year and we look forward to a great new year throughout the community! We have a lot of wonderful things happening at all the amenities and I will keep you updated as much as possible as things progress.

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!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

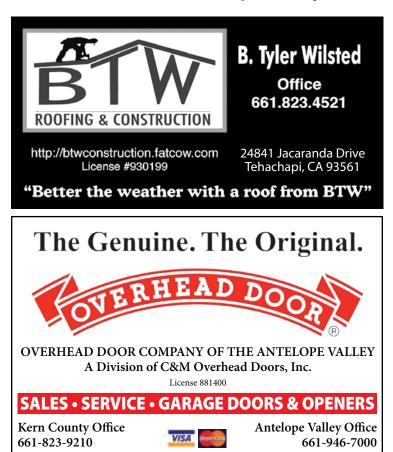
operations and identifying areas for cost reduction are, in my opinion, imperative. Combining IT, optimizing supply chains, sharing services for mission-support tasks, cutting energy consumption, using advanced business analytics to minimize incorrect payments (payment recapture audits), and enhancing our procedures with new technologies are just a few examples. The district is in desperate need of a thorough investigation and creation of the best working business plan. By assessing and contrasting our procedures with those of other districts, benchmarks might be established. An independent, non-conflict organization might lead and carry out this, producing a more advanced, contemporary business plan, which would improve the district's transparency.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEAR VALLEY?

For families of all ages, Bear Valley Springs offers a wealth of options. The numerous activities that the clubs, BVSA, and the district offer to the residents and locals bring me a lot of delight. The residents who consistently submit their stunning photos are the only reason I can appreciate everything that BVS has to offer because I'm so busy. I am appreciative of my neighbors' willingness to share their snow days, sunsets, and—most importantly—the kids' learning to fish and camp. Where else is a community so eager to lend a hand to those in need, save a neighbor's pet, and share the good and the not-so-good?

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Serving on the board has demonstrated my commitment to the values of diversity, respect, and fiduciary responsibility, which I have upheld throughout my career. I have always valued, supported, and will continue to value the involvement of residents in our governance. The diversity of viewpoints and respect for one another, in my opinion, are what help the community stay united and work together as we advance. The best way to accomplish those goals as we



move forward this year is to hire individuals who possess the talents needed to manage and resolve the current issues. Please consider volunteering for committees and taking part in the district meetings. We learn more about our differences when we get together and work through them, which could result in more mutual respect. Most of all I would like to thank everyone for their continued support as the board addresses the many district challenges.

Board Vice President Paul Paparella

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I am a professional civil engineer specializing in water infrastructure. I have bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. I have been employed since 1982 by Mott MacDonald, an international engineering consulting firm, and am currently semi-retired and working part-time.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have been a volunteer on the CSD Infrastructure Committee for three years. In that time, I have become aware of the complexity of our water system and the substantial need for investment in both water and roads to ensure the long-term reliability and quality of service to the residents. I decided that my knowledge and experience in the planning, management, and delivery of infrastructure projects would be useful in helping the Board to develop strategies and make decisions for infrastructure programs.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER?

My most important goal is to help the CSD launch long-term engineering and financial plans to renew aging infrastructure. I am also focused on fiscal responsibility and addressing the challenge of costs that have been rising faster than revenue. I also believe there is room for improving or updating some



Paul Paparella

of our policies and ordinances and a renewed focus on ensuring that staff understand and correctly follow policies and ordinances.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEAR VALLEY?

When my now-deceased first wife and I decided to relocate from NJ to CA a few years ago, we considered various parts of the Tehachapi area. We felt that BVS offered the best opportunity to become engaged in a community and create new friendships 3000 miles away from our old home, and that has proven to be true. It even led to me meeting and marrying another BVS resident.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I am a proud grandfather and my grandchildren love to visit here. The first parade they ever saw was here on July 4, 2021, and then in two following years, we were in the parade.

Director Martin Hernandez

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I worked for the County of Ventura as Chief of Staff to the Third District County Supervisor. I was also elected to the City Council, where I served for six years, as well as one year as Mayor.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I wanted to contribute my experience, skills, and knowl-

edge to help my community of BVS thrive.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER?

To help ensure the infrastructure, police, gate, water distribution system, roads, and wastewater treatment plant are functional and up to date, as well as maintained in good working order.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEAR VALLEY?

The natural and pristine environment, wildlife, and peacefulness.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I want to make sure to let anyone and everyone know that I have always had an open-door policy. I have learned many things over my years of public service but remain teachable. I know that some of the best ideas come from you, my neighbors. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to you.

Director Michael Lewis

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND Information Technology and Medical Imaging

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE CSD BOARD OF **DIRECTORS?**

My extensive experience on boards and committees as a director and trustee gave me the skills to serve my community. I felt obligated to offer my services.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER?

To efficiently repair our infrastructure while continuing to provide each and every service to the residents; Police, Gate, Roads, Water, Solid Waste, and Wastewater.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEAR VALLEY?

Wonderful friends, great clubs, scenic landscapes, it's hard to select just one.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE OUR RESIDENTS **TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?**

I have always found ways to serve, from the Air Force to healthcare to education. Ser-**Bear Tracks**



Martin Hernandez

vice to others is the highest calling we have to one another.

Director Claude Tabor

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I am a retired licensed General Contractor and Business Owner for over 40 years, managing multi-million dollar projects. My background involves many areas that are relevant to the community's needs. Some examples include experience in developing goals and plans, gathering, working with, and managing large teams and countless experts, banking and financing, scheduling, budgets, policies, knowledge of regulations and laws, communication skills, and high-level management.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE CSD BOARD OF **DIRECTORS?**

Bear Valley Springs has some very complex and costly infrastructure and financial needs. I decided to serve on the CSD because I felt I had a background that was relevant to the current needs of the community, and I wanted to contribute. This is my retirement home, making me personally invested and I am directly affected by any outcomes. I want to be a part of ensuring that Bear Valley Springs grows and secures a future for itself, the community, myself and my family, and for the generations to come.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIMARY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER?

My primary goal is to be a part of developing a plan that will give Bear Valley Springs a roadmap for the tough challenges ahead. I hope to accomplish this by creating coalitions

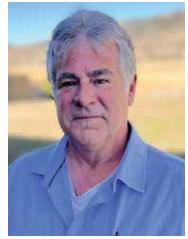


Michael Lewis

and teams, inviting and encouraging community involvement, and taking inventory of the needs within the jurisdiction of the CSD. This can then be used to develop both shortand long-term comprehensive plans for our infrastructure with forward-thinking ideas, cost analysis, and full consideration for the members of our community.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEAR VALLEY?

I grew up in a very small, charming, and tight-knit community. Bear Valley Springs is a unique community and offers these same benefits. My



Claude Tabor

wife and I are also lifetime avid wilderness enthusiasts. We find the wilderness environment of Bear Valley Springs to be very special. It is perfect for our lifestyle as we make our way through retirement.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I am committed to transparency and community involvement. I intend to fully dedicate myself to succeeding for the benefit of Bear Valley Springs and for the generations to come.





TEXT OF PROPOSED BVSA RULE CHANGES

(Deletions are shown in strikethrough type and additions in <u>bold</u> <u>underlined</u> type)

<u>ARTICLE 13</u> RIFLE AND TRAP RANGE

(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 1300. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS/ RANGE MASTERS (Added 08/08/17)

Range Safety Officers/Range Masters are required to be certified as Ranger Safety Officers by the National Rifle Association and must possess a current certificate. The Range Safety Officers/ Range Master is authorized to inspect equipment for safety and suitability for the Range. The Range Safety Officer / Range Master is authorized to restrict or prohibit use of any equipment on the Range that could create a hazard. (Moved 12/10/17)

SECTION 1301. LETHAL WEAPONS (Renumbered 08/08/17)

All firearms are classified as lethal weapons. No person shall aim any firearm at another person or any animal, wild or domestic, at any time. Firearm means any device, designated to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel a projectile by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion. The term "firearm" also shall include any rocket, rocket propelled projectile, compressed air

launcher, or similar device containing any explosive or incendiary material.

SECTION 1302. FIREARM RESTRICTIONS (Amended 12/15/17)

(a) Tracer, <u>steel</u>, armor piercing and bi-metal ammunition is prohibited at all times. <u>Tannerite</u> <u>targets are also prohibited</u>. (Amended 7/10/09) (Amended 04/15/18)

(b) No person shall use any fully automatic weapon, or assault weapon on the firing range at any time. Assault weapon shall be defined as set forth in California Penal Code and weapons prohibited by Federal Law.

(c) Slide-fire stocks or any other device that mimics automatic fire is prohibited. (*Added* 12/10/17)

(d) $\frac{50}{100}$ Brow<u>n</u>ing Machine Gun <u>and 50</u> caliber firearms are prohibited. (Added 12/10/17)

(e) Handguns with a caliber of 460, and larger along with AK and AR style <u>rifles</u> are not permitted.

(Amended & Renumbered 12/10/17)

SECTION 1303. ALLOWABLE FIREARMS

(a) Handguns up to 45
<u>caliber</u> Long Colt may be used on the pistol range and shall be checked in with the Range Safety Officer on duty.
(b) Rifles (shoulder fired) - all calibers with the exception of those identified in the "Restrictions" section above.

(c) Muzzle loaders - all

types. Those individuals shooting muzzle loaders must check in with the RSO for bench assignments so as to not interfere with other shooters with the smoke discharge when firing. Discharge of muzzle loaders at the discretion of the Range Safety Officer (RSO) and dependent on prevailing conditions.

(d) Shotguns - all types. (*Added 12/10/17*)

SECTION 1304. ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

(a) No person may handle the equipment of another without the owner's express permission.

(b) Spectators must remain behind the area designated for "shooters only."

(c) During firing, no one is permitted on the Rifle Range between shooters and targets; or on the Trap Range between shooters and flight pattern of thrown **clay** birds. (d) No bullet impacts off the range, into buildings, signs, storage containers, sheds, or any other structure or range feature not a BVSA approved impact area. (Added 12/10/17)

(e) No repeated misses of the target board, or bullet strikes that ricochet causing a danger of bullets leaving the range. (Added 12/10/17)

(f) No disruptive activities, such as loud music or children that are not supervised properly on the firing line. (Added 12/10/17) (g) No loaded firearms are allowed on the BVSA Range property other than on the Firing Line under a Hot Range condition. (Added 12/10/17)

(h) All shooters must police the area upon completion of shooting and deposit all debris (shell cases, etc.) in the containers provided. (Amended 9/24/94; Renumbered 12/10/17)

(i) Only Range Safety Officer approved target material shall be used. (Added 12/10/17)

SECTION 1305. ON THE FIRING LINE

(a) ONLY authorized shooters are permitted on the firing line.

(b) All weapons must have actions open and carried muzzle up until the shooter is on the firing line.

(c) Weapons not in use must be placed in the racks provided.

(d) Shooters may load ONLY when on the firing line and so directed by the Range Master.

(e) Firing may commence ONLY upon signal from Range Master.

(f) Firing may be at specified targets only. No firing at wildlife is permitted.

(g) Shooters are allowed to go forward and score targets only when instructed by Range Safety Officer and/ or Range Master during a cease fire is called. During this time, all weapons must be racked with actions open and shooters must be at least five feet from the firing line. (Amended 12/10/17)

(h) Members are encouraged to wear protective earplugs and safety glasses while firing. (Added 12/10/17)

SECTION 1306. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

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 using the Rifle Range or Trap 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)

(b)Members are not allowed to use the Range unsupervised by a certified Range Master/Range Safety Officer. (Amended 12/10/17) person (c) No shall bring, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug within the ranges or within 30 feet of their borders. (Amended 7/18/92; 9/24/94: 7/10/09)

(d) As determined by the Range Safety Officer, any person under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs shall leave the Range upon request from the Range Safety Officer. (Amended 12/10/17)

(e) Profane or vulgar language is prohibited.

(f) No pets, leashed or unleashed, are permitted within the Range area.

(g) Only approved target material may be used as targets. Members are urged to report violations of this *Bear Tracks*

Rule to the Range Safety Officer / Range Master or Amenity Manager. (Amended 12/10/17)

(h) All members and their guests shall be required to take and pass the range safety test and must have a liability release signed and on file with the BVSA. The range safety test and liability release must be renewed each year with the Range Safety Officer or Range Master Whiting Center personnel or online at bysarecdesk. com (January 1st). (Added 12/10/17)

(i) Hang gliding is prohibited in the air space above the Rifle and Trap Ranges and within 1000 yards of that air space. (Added 9/20/97)

(j) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Added 12/10/13; Renumbered 12/10/17)

SECTION 1307. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Hours of operation are set by the Association and posted on bulletin boards.

(b) The Association may close the Ranges at any time without prior notice.

(c) In order to promote the safety of persons using the Ranges, the Range Safety Officer/Range Master is designated the chief enforcement officer of this Article, and shall have the responsibility to ensure the safe operation of the Ranges. (Amended 12/10/17)

(d) All persons shall respect and obey the instructions of the Range Safety Officer/ Range Master, and may be removed from the Ranges by the Range Safety Officer/Range Master and reported to the Bear Valley Police Department for failure to comply with any provisions of the C&Rs, Association Bylaws or Rules, or instruction of the Range Safety Officer/Range Master. (Amended 12/10/17)

(e) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (*Amended 12/10/13*)

(f) Members requesting to use the range shall be verified as a member in good standing prior to being approved to use range. (Added 12/10/17)

Proposed Changes to BVSA Rules ARTICLE 18

(A) "Recognized (7) Club" means any nonprofit club, group, or other association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, recognized by the Association as making a significant and material contribution to the social, welfare, educational, or recreational activities or interests of Association Members, comprised of fifteen or more members, the members of which consist solely of Association Members and Bear Valley Springs resident tenants who are non-Association members who have been assigned Use Privilege Cards under Section 305(g). (Amended 3-10-10, 6/5/24)

Individuals who are not
 Bear Valley Springs property
 owners, or Privilege Card
 holders, may participate

in a Recognized Club as a Sponsored Non-Resident Club Member. and are Recognized Club participant guests,

ii. Sponsored Non-Resident Club Members must be sponsored by Recognized Club Member who is a Bear Valley Springs property owner in good standing, or, a Bear Valley Springs tenant who has been assigned amenity privileges. A single individual cannot sponsor more than 10 Non-Resident Club Members in any one **Recognized Club.** iii. Sponsored Non-Resident **Club Members cannot sit on** the Recognized Club's board or hold administrative roles within the Recognized Club. The only exception to this are Recognized Clubs which operate as a chapter of a nationally recognized organization i.e. (Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Pony <u>Club, 4-H).</u> iv. Recognized Clubs must always consist of a majority (fifty percent plus one) of Association Members and Bear Valley Springs resident tenants who are non-Association members who have been assigned Use Privilege Cards under Section 305(g). * * * * * * * *

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

These proposed changes clarify how non-residents can become members of BVSA recognized clubs.

27

TIME TO UPDATE! THE 2025 RELEASE OF LIABILITY IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION. WE WILL ENFORCE IT STARTING JANUARY 1, 2025.

ANYONE UTILIZING THE BUILDING WILL NEED TO HAVE ONE. PLEASE FILL ONE OUT FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

NONRESIDENTS: FILL OUT PAPER RELEASES GOOD FOR ONE MONTH.





2025 BVSA Soccer League

*BOYS AND GIRLS / AGES 3 - 15 YEARS OLD

RESIDENTSNON-RESIDENTSAGES 6 ANDAGES 6 ANDUNDER- \$90UNDER- \$120

RESIDENTS AGES NON-RESIDENTS 7 AND UP- AGES 7 AND UP-\$150 \$180

Late Fee: add +\$15 League Starts: April 4th / League Ends: June 7th



Residents Sign ups are Jan. 6th - Mar. 3rd Non-Residents Sign-ups are Jan. 20th - Mar. 3rd Equipment Required: Black Shorts (No Pockets), Shin Guards, Athletic Shoes or Soccer Cleats (No metal cleats, toe spikes, football/ baseball cleats are allowed) - Late Fee is Feb. 24th - Mar. 3rd *Evaluations will be March 8th! Sign up at bysa.recdesk.com We NEED VOLUNTEER COACHES TO MAKE OUR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS WORK.

Go where love takes you. 2025 Outback Equipped with standard Symmetrical AWD

The Outback midsize SUV gives you an outstanding combination of adventurous capability, state-of-the-art safety, and convenient technology — all built with quality Subaru engineering. The 2025 Outback midsize SUV is ready for any adventure with the all-weather, all-terrain confidence of standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and up to 9.5 inches of ground clearance.



2025 Outback Wilderness shown

SANGERA SUBARU Bakersfield Automall (661) 836-3737 sangerasubaru.com

35°18' 14.038" N 119°2' 7.454" W





*Purchase or lease any new (previously untitled) Subaru and receive complimentary factory scheduled maintenance plan for 2 years or 24,000 miles (whichever comes first.) See Subaru Added Security Maintenance Plan for intervals, coverages and limitations. Customer must take delivery before 12-31-2025 and reside within the promotional area. At participating dealers only. See dealer for program details and eligibility.

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS ASSOCIATION 29541 Rollingoak Dr. • Tehachapi, CA 93561 • (661) 821-5537 Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday AnitaB@bvsa.org • www.BVSA.org

ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Guy Munday	President
Fred Hicks	
Don Ciota	Parliamentarian
Anita Bauer	Secretary
Jeff Gadzia	
James Panek	
Monthly open meetings of the	

Monthly open meetings of the Board are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the OTCC.

PERSONNEL AND BOARD DIRECTORS CONTACT INFORMATION

Anita Bauer
Board Secretary
Ashley Krempien
Recreation Manager
Casey Meadows
Facilities Maintenance Manager
David Burchard
Board Director
Don Ciota
General Manager
Doug Slavin
Equestrian Center Manager
Duane Gore
Golf Pro
Fred Hicks
Board Treasurer
Guy Munday
Board President
James Panek
Board Director and Project Manager
Jeff Gadzia
Board Vice-President
Josh Cardwell
Food and Beverage Director

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control	
Association	
Association Fax	
Bear Valley CSD, bvcsd.com	
BVS Rangers	
CSD Fax	
Country Store	
Equestrian Center	
Fire Dept. (business)	
Gate (passes)	
Gate Fax	
Golf Shop	
Mulligan Room	
Oak Tree Country Club	
Police Dept	
Road Conditions	
Weather Information	
Whiting Center	

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT 28999 S. Lower Valley Rd. • Tehachapi CA 93561 • (661) 821-4428 denise@bvcsd.org • www.BVCSD.com

CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Geva Frevert	President
Claude Tabor	Director
Paul Paparella	Director
Martin Hernandez	Director
Michael Lewis	Director

The CSD Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

at 6 pm at the District Office. You are invited!

MANAGEMENT STAFF

Dain Hurst	Interim General Manager/Acting Chief of Police
Will Parks	Water Supervisor
Daniel Haggard	Roads Supervisor
Jason Parks	Wastewater Supervisor
Larry Wiggins	General Services Supervisor

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE*

ODD MONTHS:

DPAC	.4 p.m., Every other month on the second Tuesday
PUBLIC SAFETY	3 p.m., Every other month on the third Thursday
FINANCE	9 a.m., Every other month on the fourth Tuesday

EVEN MONTHS:



Publisher: Goldfish Publications, LLC (Ron Fishgold) PO Box 1842 Tehachapi, CA 93581 Phone: 661-822-8101

E-mail Address:

Advertising - beartracks@lookuptehachapi.com Billing - btinfo@lookuptehachapi.com

Circulation: Each issue of *Bear Tracks* is mailed to property owners of record (approximately 3,300) via the US Postal Service every month. The balance of the 3,800 copies printed are made available at various locations throughout Bear Valley.

Submissions: Articles and/or photos may be submitted to: Anita Bauer 821-5537 ext 231 or anitab@bvsa.org.

Bear Tracks Advertisers save the BVSA and CSD thousands of dollars each month in publishing and circulation costs. You can show your appreciation to these advertisers by patronizing their businesses and letting them know you saw their ad in *Bear Tracks*.

Bear Tracks is a monthly magazine offered to the property owners and residents of Bear Valley Springs for the purposes of communicating important information and sharing interesting articles on life in our community. The content in this publication is provided solely by the Bear Valley Springs Association. Goldfish Publications, LLC assumes no liability for any inaccurate, delayed or incomplete information nor for the opinions expressed in each article.

FUEL YOUR WINTER

WITH PROPANE



Local, family owned and operated Delta Liquid Energy provides courteous, dependable service that keeps your family's safety as a top priority.

Contact Carol Duetsch Today (661) 219-5132 www.deltaliguidenergy.com





At Cisneros Decorative Concrete we specialize in your bare cracked concrete indoor or outdoor. We only use top of the line concrete coating products. No, it's not epoxy for outdoors! We use polyurea, urethanes, permaflex and polyaspartics with lifetime warranty. It can withstand the heat and cold. Call us at 661-516-7199 or visit us at www.cisnerosdecorativeconcrete.com for more information.





DO YOU HAVE UGLY CONCRETE? Call your concrete experts today! We can turn your bare concrete into beauty. Pool decks • Patios • Garage • Indoor/Outdoor Concrete Surfaces



Fully insured and experienced. Lic. #1027106. Call now for a free quote!



Goldfish Publications, LLC