



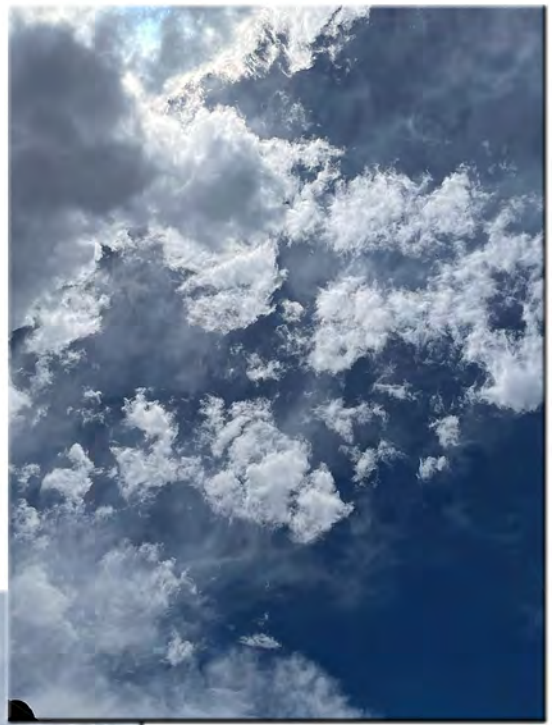
## *Weed Abatement in Camarillo Springs*

The Camarillo Springs Common Area Association (CSCAA) has recently arranged for a more fun version of weed abatement with goats and sheep and even a dog to watch over them. A win-win for all!

Fun for the residents, good for the animals AND great for the environment.

*photos by  
Lorraine Villarreal &  
Sandra Walker*





*Our Amazing  
Skies!*

*photos by  
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# *Wildlife in and around The Springs*

New residents, Shannon Colburn and her husband Scot, enjoy rides in their golf cart during the quiet evenings by the Camarillo Springs Golf Course.



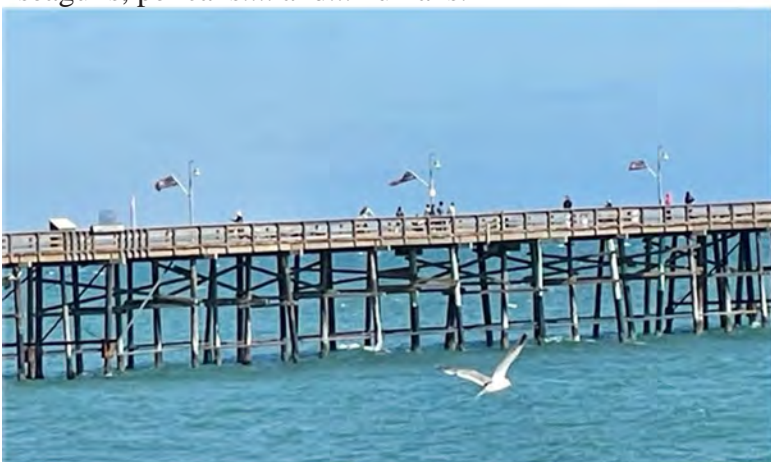
Mika & Kuma Leigh observing goats from a safe distance




Doe & fawn by Craig Shore

Ventura Pier and Beach have been invaded by seagulls, pelicans.... and... humans.

*photos by Lorraine Villarreal*







**CALIFORNIA IS IN A WATER CRISIS**

**OUTDOOR WATERING LIMITED TO ONE DAY A WEEK**

**TEN MINUTES per irrigation station**

**EVEN-NUMBERED PROPERTIES**

**TUESDAY, ODD-NUMBERED THURSDAY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
X	X	EVEN-NUMBERED PROPERTIES 	X	ODD-NUMBERED PROPERTIES 	X	X

Camrosa Water District has recently moved to a Stage 3 water crisis; outdoor watering has been reduced from 15 minutes per irrigation station to 10 minutes, one day per week as shown at left. Shown below are suggestions for reducing your water usage.

## Water-Saving Tips!



### Garbage Disposal

A garbage disposal requires a lot of water to operate properly. Use a disposal only when necessary.

### Dishwasher

Use your automatic dishwasher only for full loads.



### Toilet Flushing

Avoid using your toilet as a wastebasket. Tissues, insects and other things belong in a trash can, not the toilet.



### Bathing

Take only shallow baths.

### Washing Dishes by Hand

When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water and fill the rinsing sink to one-third or one-half full – avoid letting the water run continuously in the rinsing sink.



### Laundry

Run only full loads in the washing machine. Running the machine when it's full will save you time, energy and water.



### Shower

Limit the time water runs while you're taking a shower. Install a low-flow shower head.

### Washing Hands

Don't let the water run while you are washing your hands.



### Yard Watering

Water only on your watering day and only when 30 percent of the lawn shows signs of wilt: leaf blades folded in half, blue-gray color and footprints remain on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

### Brushing Teeth

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.





## **The Springs Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

*Robbie Dornick, Co-leader*

*NOTE: This article is repeated from July 2016 and is still applicable today*

Based on what we've seen so far, we may be in for more months of higher than normal temperatures. Along with that, especially if the humidity is low, is an increased risk of fire. The Springs CERT offers a few suggestions below for dealing with both. All of the information is available at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

### **Extreme Heat**

To prepare for extreme heat you should:

- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation.
- Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes or shades.
- Listen to local weather forecasts and stay aware.
- Know those neighbors who are most vulnerable and may need help.
- Get trained in first aid to learn how to treat heat-related emergencies.

During extreme heat you should:

- Listen to critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- **NEVER** leave children or pets along in closed vehicles.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, movie theaters or shopping malls. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Drink plenty of water, *even if you do not feel thirsty*. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney or liver disease, are on fluid-restricted diets or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and spend much of their time alone.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering. And remember, if you wouldn't walk barefoot on the asphalt streets, then it's too hot for their feet also.

### **Wildfires**

- If you see a wildfire, haven't yet received evacuation orders yet and don't see any emergency personnel, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called.
- If ordered to evacuate, do it immediately; make sure to tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived. Close all doors and windows before you leave.
- Turn on your TV/radio for the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Keep your car fueled, in good condition, and stocked with emergency supplies and a change of clothes. Don't forget supplies for your pet(s).
- Regularly clean the roof and gutters.
- Maintain an area approximately 30' away from your home that is free of anything that will burn, such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers and other brush.
- Connect garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home.
- Review your homeowner's insurance policy and prepare/update a list of your home's contents.

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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**RELEASE DATE:** May 26, 2022

## CAL FIRE Reminds Californians to Prepare Their Homes Now for Wildfire Officials Urge Defensible Space and Home Hardening

**Sacramento** – As California’s weather has already increased fire danger across the State, CAL FIRE is urging Californians to ensure they prepare their homes and property for wildfire. CAL FIRE officials are providing tips to residents to ensure they prepare for wildfire by focusing on [Defensible Space](#) and [Home Hardening retrofits](#).

“Recent wildfires and research have highlighted how the combination of Defensible Space and Home Hardening retrofitting are essential to improve a home’s chance of surviving a wildfire,” said Chief Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation. “It is critical that all Californians take preparedness steps now, but with Red Flag Warnings already being issued this year, residents need to ensure they use the right tool at the right time to avoid accidentally sparking a wildfire when working around the house.”

Defensible Space is the buffer created between a building and the grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect a home from catching fire. Proper Defensible Space can also provide firefighters a safe area to defend a home from wildfire. Home Hardening is the effort to retrofit a home by altering or replacing specific construction components with ember and fire ignition building materials.

“This year CAL FIRE is recommending residents especially focus their efforts within the first five feet,” Chief Berlant said. Known as the “Ember-Resistant Zone,” this area extends five feet from buildings, structures, and decks. Science has shown it to be the most important of all the defensible space zones. The “Ember-Resistant Zone” is designed to keep fire or embers from igniting plants, bark, mulch, and combustible materials that can spread the fire to the home.

Here are a few tips to create an Ember-Resistant Zone:

- Use hardscape like gravel, pavers, concrete and other noncombustible materials. No combustible bark or mulch.
- Remove all dead and dying weeds, grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, and vegetative debris.
- Limit plants in this area to low growing, nonwoody, properly watered and maintained plants.
- Limit combustible items (outdoor furniture, planters, etc.) on top of decks.
- Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attach to the home with noncombustible alternatives.
- Relocate garbage and recycling bins outside this zone, as well as boats, vehicles, and other combustible items.

Homeowners are also recommended to harden their homes using ember and ignition resistant building materials. Upwards of 90 percent of homes destroyed in a wildfire are the result of flying embers. CAL FIRE recently created a [low cost retrofit list](#) with a number of home retrofits that can be completed at relatively minimal cost.

Here are a few tips for Home Hardening:

- Block any spaces between your roof covering and sheathing with noncombustible materials (bird stops).
- Install a noncombustible gutter cover to prevent the accumulation of leaves and debris in the gutter.
- Install ember and flame-resistant vents.
- Caulk or plug gaps greater than 1/8-inch in siding and replace any damaged boards, including those with dry rot.
- Upgrade windows to multi-paned, including a minimum of one pane of tempered glass.

To learn more about how you can be prepared for wildfire, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org)

Folks, as you’re all aware, as our water crisis worsens, so does our risk for wildfire. While the goats and sheep are doing their part on our hillsides, it’s up to all of us to examine our own properties and do what we can to protect our homes.

**REMEMBER, IN THE SPRINGS ~**



Be sure to remind your guests to PLEASE obey our speed limit.

### The Springs Homeowners Association Financial Report for May, 2022

Beginning Operating Balance	\$70,840.76
Cash Receipts	\$62,247.51
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$<18,750.00>
Cash Disbursements	\$<36,421.51>
Transfers/Misc.	\$<4,397.88>
Interest Earned	\$6.16
Ending Operating Balance	\$73,525.04
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$1,100,995.04
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$18,750.00
Cash Disbursements	\$<21,292.23>
Transfer/Misc	\$0
Interest Earned	\$86.95
Ending Reserve Balance	\$1,098,539.76
Reserve Liability	\$<1,098,539.76>
Reserve Overage or Shortage	\$0



## Birthdays

Mariam Zelinski	1	CA
Sarah Legan	2	Los Angeles, CA
Julie Tucker	2	Wurtsmith AFB, MI
Margaret Kilpatrick	3	Ireland
Jackie DuMoulin	7	Hampton Court, England
Kathleen Adams	9	Los Angeles, CA
Poldi Hockenmaier	10	Austria
Diann Wirth	11	Jamestown, NY
Nancy Quinn	14	Salem, MA
Veronica Carlson	15	Mexico City, Mexico
Dan Knisely	16	Ravenna, Oh
Bob Smith	18	Pittsburgh, PA
Phyllis Tuttle	19	Los Angeles, CA
David Kilpatrick	21	Ireland
John Wiley	22	Kansas City, MO
Brian Nunneley	23	England
James Kenney	28	Hawthorne, CA
Julie Baker	29	Los Angeles, CA
Arthur Zavala	30	Ventura, CA



## Anniversaries

Ron & Cindy Kester	1	Point Mugu, CA	52 years
Harold & Julie Baker	6	N. Hollywood, CA	42 years
Greg & Sharon Raver-Lampman	7	Santa Rosa, CA	43 years
Ted & Rita Elliott	8	Santa Monica, CA	61 years
Thomas & Carol Springgate	10	Los Nietos, CA	46 years
Andrew & Vicki Cromer	19	Canoga Park, CA	42 years
Dan & Joan Knisely	20	Ravenna, OH	31 years
Carlos & Lorraine Villarreal	21	Chatsworth, CA	44 years
Gerry & Stephanie Kroll	26	Taos, NM	26 years
Roy & Linda Kawamoto	28	Maui, HI	28 years
Greg & Jane Pitchford	29	Long Beach, CA	44 years

### VC ALERT

Everyone in The Springs should register with VC Alert in order to receive emergency notifications.

Register online at [vcalert.org](http://vcalert.org) or by calling (805) 648-9283.

Note: If your birthday/anniversary information is incorrect or incomplete, please contact Malisa in the clubhouse office to have it corrected.

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