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*photos by Lorraine Villarreal*

## ***WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP***

*August 16, 2022*

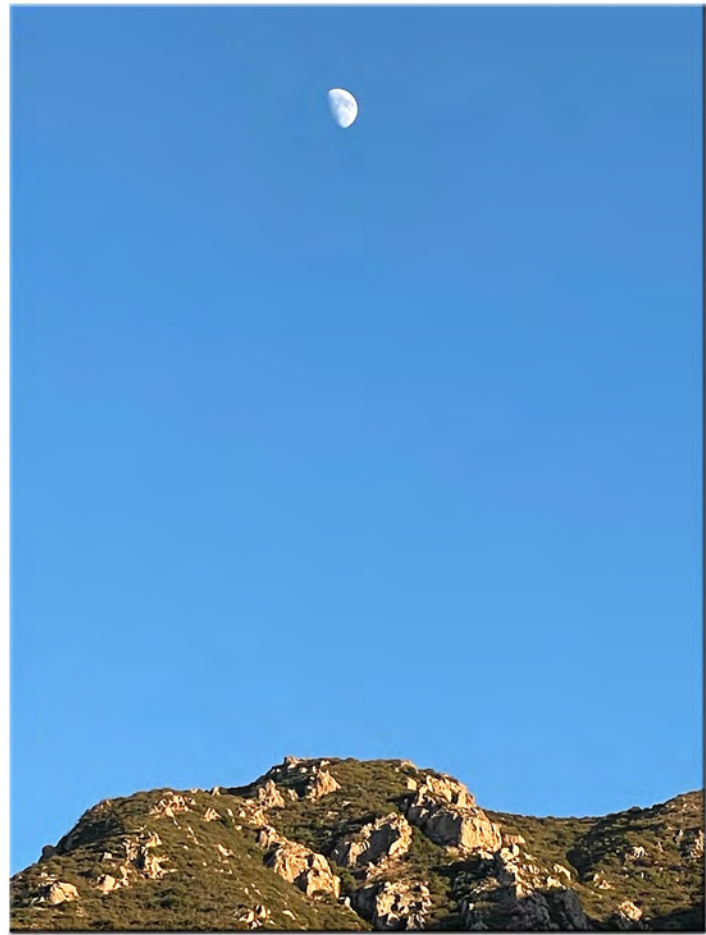


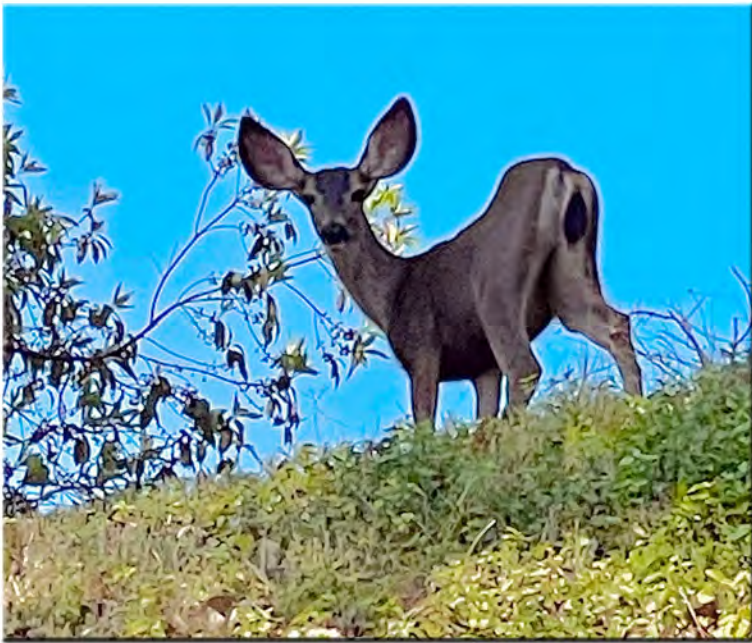
Over 50 concerned Springers plus a few residents of Country Club Village attended this workshop to learn how to protect their homes against the threat of wildfires. They learned what it means to “harden” their homes and the resources available to residents throughout Ventura County. This program is led by the Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council with Max Young, Lead Wildfire Safety Liaison, as the guest speaker. As you can see from the photo at left, Max was wearing a “boot” for his broken foot and reluctantly sat through part of his presentation.

See the additional article on page 4 of this newsletter.

***AMAZING BEAUTY IS  
EVERYWHERE!***

And Lorraine Villarreal  
manages to capture it so  
well...





The deer are starting to show up again...



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Lorraine Villarreal*

Monarch chrysalis on milkweed



Lorraine describes this as her special reblooming Iris.



**The Springs CERT**

*Lorraine Villarreal and Robbie Dornick, co-leaders*

**Ready, Set, GO!  
WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN**

The Springs CERT has been focusing its efforts on providing information to residents on how we can all become better prepared to protect our homes against wildfires, our biggest threat, especially as we go through this unusually hot weather we're experiencing right now. As part of that effort, we recently sponsored the Wildfire Preparedness Workshop led by the Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council as shown on the cover of this newsletter. One of the handouts there was the Ready, Set, GO! brochure from the Ventura County Fire Department. If you attended the workshop and picked up the brochure, hopefully by now you've read all of it. If so, the information in this article is straight out of a portion of that brochure.

It is unfair to expect firefighters to be able to protect our homes if we haven't done everything we possibly can to assist in that effort. It really is a team effort and we must become part of the solution. If you live within one mile of a natural zone (yes, we do!), you live in the Ember Zone. Homes in the Ember Zone are at risk from wind-driven embers from a wildfire. Recent fires have resulted in entire neighborhoods being destroyed by fires started by embers, not the wildfire itself. Protecting our homes from embers and creating a defensible space should be our top priority. The buffer zone you create by removing weeds, brush and other vegetation reduces the risks from flying embers. It also provides firefighters an advantage in protecting the structure.

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**REMEMBER, IN THE SPRINGS ~**



<b>The Springs Homeowners Association Financial Report for July, 2022</b>	
Beginning Operating Balance	\$89,192.15
Cash Receipts	\$66,558.24
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$<18,750.00>
Cash Disbursements	\$<64,807.02>
Transfers/Misc.	\$<4,004.75>
Interest Earned	\$1.26
Ending Operating Balance	\$68,189.88
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$1,076,135.27
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$18,750.00
Cash Disbursements	\$<1,415.35>
Transfer/Misc	\$6,250.32
Interest Earned	\$107.89
Ending Reserve Balance	\$1,099,828.13
Reserve Liability	\$<1,099,828.13>
Reserve Overage or Shortage	\$0

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**Preparing for Wildfire**, continued from page 4

Officials now recommend that we concentrate our efforts on the first five feet from our homes on all sides. To create this “Ember-Resistant Zone,” the following are recommended:

- 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.).
- Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives.
- Relocate garbage and recycling bins outside this zone, as well as boats, vehicles and other combustible items.

A few tips for Home Hardening:

- Block any spaces between your roof covering and sheathing with noncombustible materials.
- 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.

The following tips apply to Zone 1, the first 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.:

- Remove all dead or dying vegetation.
- Trim tree canopies to a minimum of 15’ from structures and other trees, and 10’ from chimneys.
- Remove leaf litter from yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Relocate woodpiles or other combustible materials
- Remove or prune vegetation near windows.
- Remove “ladder fuel” (low-level vegetation that allows the fire to spread from the ground to the tree canopy). Create a separation between low-level vegetation and tree branches. This can be done by reducing the height of low-level vegetation and/or trimming low tree branches.

A great resource is [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org).

Recently I contacted Max Young because residents were having difficulty finding 1/8” mesh screening for their attic vents wide enough to cover the vent. Max texted the following website with information [ucanr.edu/sites/fire/Prepare/Building/Vents/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/fire/Prepare/Building/Vents/). It mentions Brandguard which he says is a Lowes-owned company and the most affordable. He said that most of the products he has seen are 24” wide x 10’ long and usually no more than \$40.00. I’ll try to find out exactly where he is seeing those products.

### Real Estate Trends for The Springs

#### ACTIVE LISTINGS:

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
1104 Paquita Ave.	1,277	\$749,900.00
6349 Irena Ave.	1,553	\$785,000.00
6369 San Como Lane	1,650	\$840,000.00
6315 Irena Ave.	1,553	\$749,900.00

#### UNDER CONTRACT:

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
6034 Irena Ave.	1,553	\$798,000.00
6612 Lada Ave.	1,650	\$849,000.00
6560 Lada Ave.	1,650	\$739,000.00

#### SOLDS:

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
6309 Gitana Ave.	1,578	\$820,000.00
1184 Itamo Street	1,650	\$905,000.00
1134 Paquita Ave.	1,511	\$850,000.00
6434 San Como Lane	1,650	\$929,830.00
6005 San Dimas Ave.	1,561	\$875,000.00

#### Cancelled:

1124 Belleza Street	1,650	\$889,000.00
6167 Irena Ave.	1,578	\$739,000.00

\*Data taken from CRMLS 8-15-22

**Becky Duarte @ Premier Options Real Estate**

DRE#01232355

**Wanted: Mah Jong players** - beginners, intermediate or advanced. It's a fun game based on skill, strategy and luck. We will be happy to teach those interested. We meet every Thursday at 12:30pm at the Clubhouse. Call Rose 805-383-5592.



## Birthdays

Edwin Wai	3	Hong Kong
Marta Garza-Laird	5	Chihuahua, MX
Judy Hyman	7	Los Angeles, CA
Betty DeBay	8	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Fred Driver	8	Queens, NY
Nancy Chalker	9	Los Angeles, CA
Judy Cash	10	Glendale, CA
Donna Leigh	10	Los Angeles, CA
Beverly Raham	12	Canoga Park, CA
Sam Bernstein	15	Los Angeles, CA
Calvin Miller	15	Oxnard, CA
Vicki Cromer	17	Burbank, CA
James Purpura	18	Chicago, IL
Daniel Simon	18	Los Angeles, CA
Ilene Zins	19	Torrance, CA
Harriett Colbo	22	Yakima, WA
Jeff Shively	22	Corona, CA
Lee Brown	23	Boston, MA
Ann Eisler	24	Los Angeles, CA
Samuel Unjian	26	Niagra Falls, NY
Mark Heyes	27	Hollywood, CA
Laura Kerrigan	27	Brooklyn, NY
Ben DeAscentis	28	Newport, RI
John DuMoulin	28	San Francisco, CA
Rita Elliott	29	Romania
Edward Niedzwiecki	30	Anticoke, PA
Deborah Wenger	30	Milwaukee, WI
Myrna Zimmerman	30	New York, NY



## Anniversaries

Jerry & Ilene Zins	8	Los Angeles, CA
	66 years	
John & Jackie DuMoulin	10	Thousand Oaks, CA
	33 years	
Tim & Suzanne Smith	16	Mission Viejo, CA
	44 years	
James & Lauren McKaye	17	Camarillo, CA
	45 years	
Jack & Pat Sheehan	21	W. Los Angeles, CA
	59 years	

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

### 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.

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