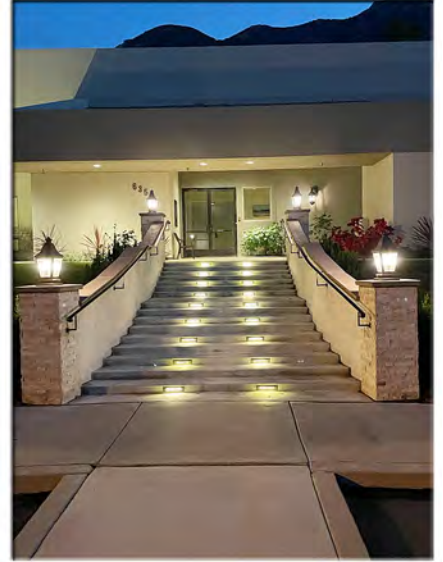


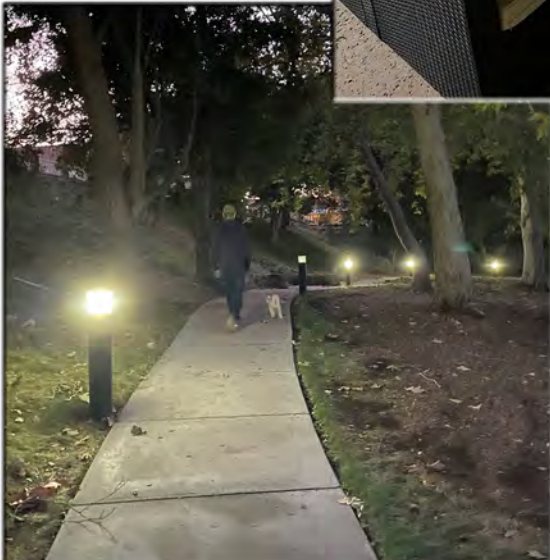


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**THE SPRINGS  
AT DUSK**



*photos by  
Lorraine Villarreal*



*Beautiful clouds  
and...*

*A few deer are finally  
being spotted again.*





Someday these two  
will become beautiful  
butterflies



This is NOT  
a miniature  
alligator

## *Our Wildlife comes in all sizes*

From Lorraine Villarreal:

Below left is a tarantula hawk. Adult females go after tarantulas to feed their larvae. They sting the tarantula then carry them to their nest. They are not interested in humans but sometimes people get in the way and will get stung. If a person gets stung by them it is the 2nd worst sting known to humans. American entomologist Justin Schmidt created the Pain Scale for Stinging Insects, with the help of variably willing or unwitting test subjects. He once described the tarantula hawk's sting as 'instantaneous, electrifying and totally debilitating.'

Most animals know not to tangle with a tarantula hawk, but it is eaten by bullfrogs, kingbirds and road runners.

I understand we have tarantulas on Conejo & they periodically come down the mountain. These insects are about 2" long.

ED Note: About the same time, I discovered a tarantula had fallen into a small wastebasket in my enclosed patio room; luckily my brave friend, Donna Burger, rescued both me AND the tarantula and we both survived.

Lorraine Villarreal spotted this "Tarantula Hawk" in  
their backyard recently



**Night Visibility**

*submitted by Bob Latunski, VP, The Springs HOA Board*

\$20 could save your life! It's now winter and we have many active seniors on the streets early morning and late afternoons. Perhaps they should consider wearing a reflective vest such as those pictured below.

As described on Amazon:

Ylzzrs LED Reflective Vest Running Gear, USB Rechargeable Light Up Running Vest, Chest Phone Holder for Runners, Night Walking, 6-11hrs Light. Adjustable Waist/Shoulder for Women Men Kids

Brand: Ylzzrs

4.5 out of 5 stars 223 ratings

DRIVERS CAN SEE YOU AND HAVE TIME TO MAKE REACTIONS-The new reflective running vest combines LED flash lights and reflective gear. The drivers can see you from 1200 feet away even in the darkness and without any light reflection.

RECHARGABLE LED LIGHTS - Different from traditional running lights for runners because of its powerful front lights and safety warning tail-lights in the back. The visibility of LED lights for runners is 10 times that of other reflective gear at night. The LED running lights have longer battery life than the previous generation, fully charged in around 40 minutes and then work approximately 11 hours.

Amazon includes additional descriptions on their site. They are available in 5 bright colors as shown below.



Ylzzrs LED Reflective Vest Running Gear, USB Rechargeable Light Up Running Vest Chest Phone Holder for Runners Night Walking,6-11hrs Light Adjustable...

Color:Green



\$17.99

FREE Delivery

Tomorrow



\$17.99

FREE Delivery

Tomorrow



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**We Have New Neighbors~**

Doug and Lori Beving recently moved to a home on Gitana from their previous home elsewhere in Camarillo after discovering The Springs through an Open House. They have a son, Mica with wife, Jess, a daughter, Donna, and three teenage grandchildren. They also have a rescue dog, Barney.

They enjoy camping, reading, walking, hiking and watching sunsets. Doug is a retired firefighter with Ventura County Fire Department and Lori was a secretary and in banking. Doug was born in Iowa and Lori in California; they have been married for 53 years.

Let's all give Doug and Lori a warm Springs WELCOME!



### MEXICAN TRAIN

Join other Springers to play Mexican Train (a dominoes game) each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00pm in the Clubhouse card room. No experience necessary. Contact Sarah Legan at 818-268-2287 for information.



### SCRABBLE

The Scrabble players are seeking additional players to join them the last Wednesday of each month a 1:00pm. Contact Camella Moore at 818-515-4190 or cambm15@gmail.com.



### RUMMIKUB

Join other Springers to play Rummikub each Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse card room. Bring along your own game, if you have one, just in case we need extras. No experience necessary. Contact Marianne Chavanne at 805-358-1544 if you'd like to be added to her reminder text group.

### SHANGHAI

Join us on Fridays at 12:30pm to play Shanghai, a card game based on Gin Rummy.

Call Rose 805-383-5572 or Lois 805-384-9027 or just come to watch.



### MAH JONGG

Learn Mah Jongg on Tuesdays at 12:30pm: Keep your brain sharp with Mah Jongg, a game of skill, strategy, and some luck.

Call Rose 805-383-5572 or Lois 805-384-9027 or just come to watch.

### VENTURA REGIONAL FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (VRFSC)

Nearly 150 communities across California have created fire safe councils to help protect their homes and neighborhoods from the devastating effects of wildfire. They are contracted and funded through CalFire and private donations. The VRFSC is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose goal is to ensure that our local communities are fire resilient, safe, and prepared to withstand the threat of wildfire. To this end, for homes in high-risk areas (that's us), they will conduct free wildfire risk assessments, primarily focused on Zone 0, the first 5-foot perimeter around your home. They will discuss their findings with you and also send you a written report. It's for your information and there's no requirement to follow their recommendations.

***To schedule an appointment, sign up online at [venturafiresafe.org](http://venturafiresafe.org) or call 805-746-7365.***

### Real Estate Trends for The Springs

<b>Address:</b>	<b>ACTIVE LISTINGS:</b> <b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
1136 Belleza St.	1,511	\$799,000.00

<b>Address:</b>	<b>UNDER CONTRACT:</b> <b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
Nothing under contract		

<b>Address:</b>	<b>SOLDS:</b> <b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
6262 Gitana Ave.	1,561	\$710,000.00
6024 San Dimas	1,553	\$650,000.00
6033 San Dimas Ave.	1,578	\$755,000.00
6119 Gitana Ave	1,553	\$690,000.00
6416 San Como Ln	1,659	\$885,000.00
1188 Paquita St.	1,657	\$714,800.00
6262 Irena Ave.	1,561	\$755,000.00
6349 Irena Ave.	1,553	\$751,010.00

**Active Rental: 1234 San Como Lane renting at \$4,400.00 per month**  
**6574 San Como Lane-renting at \$3,500.00 per month**

**\*Data taken from CRMLS 11-14-23**

**Becky Duarte @ Premier Options Real Estate**  
**DRE#01232355**

### R.A.I.N. Shelter

This holiday season we plan to again provide gifts to the children (and adults) at the R.A.I.N. (River-dwellers Aid Intercity Network) Shelter on Lewis Road in Camarillo. We will be sending details via email as soon as we have them. As we have done in the past, tags with a child's name, age and sizes will be hung on the small tree in the Clubhouse Lobby. This year we again kindly ask you to print your name on the list (which will be on the table by the tree) next to the name you selected and be sure you place the tag securely on the wrapped gift. When we prepare to load up the gifts to take to the shelter, this will make the task of matching gifts to our list so much easier because we want to ensure that each child receives a gift. In the past, if a gift was missing for a child, we had no idea who had the tag and ended up having to do some last minute shopping.

### The Springs Homeowners Association Financial Report for October, 2023

Beginning Operating Balance	\$92,228.53
Cash Receipts	\$64,497.55
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$<16,666.67>
Cash Disbursements	\$<55,913.15>
Transfers/Misc.	\$<4,603.64>
Interest Earned	\$1.09
Ending Operating Balance	\$79,543.71
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$1,191,287.87
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$16,666.67
Cash Disbursements	\$<19,687.84>
Transfer/Misc	\$0
Interest Earned	\$1,042.91
Ending Reserve Balance	\$1,189,309.61
Reserve Liability	\$<1,189,309.61>
Reserve Overage or Shortage	\$0



## Birthdays

Joyce Chase	1	Ann Arbor, MI
Susan Murphy	2	Los Angeles, CA
Ray Palmer	3	Columbus, OH
Andrew Cromer	4	Van Nuys, CA
Karen Dollar	5	Van Nuys, CA
Bieke Lieckens	5	Lier, Belgium
Fred Lovejoy	5	
Melanie Hendon	6	N. Hollywood, CA
Joan Barker	8	Liverpool, England
Pat Bernstein	8	Lake Noren, SD
Chuck Laird	8	Arlington, TX
Heidi Jacobsen	10	Encino, CA
Kathryn Benioff	12	Whittier, CA
Ron Gearhart	12	Altoona, PA
Marcia Mandel	12	Cleveland, OH
Brian Oliver	14	
Carol Springgate	14	Los Angeles, CA
Robbie Dornick	16	Detroit, MI
Margaret Hirt	16	Montrose, CA
Anita Roll	16	Jersey City, NJ
Carol Rundgren	16	Middleport, NY
Richard Buck	17	Annapolis, MD
John McNair	18	Dallas, TX
Theodore Koupal III	21	Detroit, MI
Maressa Parizek	25	Bandung, Indonesia
Kathy Buck	27	Portchester, NY
Hal Hyman	27	Detroit, MI
Gregory Raver-Lampman	28	Pasadena, CA
Andrea Barer	29	Brooklyn, NY
Lynnette Hendon	29	Upland, CA
Tomas Villarreal	29	El Paso, TX

*Please submit Newsletter photos or articles to  
Robbie Dornick at [jonrobdor@gmail.com](mailto:jonrobdor@gmail.com)*



## Anniversaries

Elizabeth Allen/Reuben Ruiz	4	Ventura, CA	5 years
William/Barbara Mason	6	Camarillo, CA	39 years
Carlos/Rebecca Duarte	11	Los Angeles, CA	29 years
Johnny/Bobbie Sue Jones	19		43
Hal/Judy Hyman	21	Los Angeles, CA	66 years
Neal/Joanne Blaney	26	Los Angeles, CA	68 years
Ken/Nancy Walters	26	Westfield, NJ	57 years
Peter/Jeanne Faxon	29	Camarillo, CA	33 years
Jerry/Nina Harris	30		10 years
Ramiro/Maria DeLaPaz Trujillo	30	Oxnard, CA	23 years
John & Sharon Nottingham	31	Encino, CA	30 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.

### THE SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President:</i>	John Gardner
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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