

## ***HOLIDAY TIME AT THE SPRINGS***

Our very generous Springers helped to make it a good holiday for residents at the R.A.I.N. Transition Shelter in Camarillo. All of the children who resided at R.A.I.N. over the holidays were given several gifts from our residents who also provided generic gifts for the Shelter. THANKS SO MUCH!!



*photos by  
Lorraine Villarreal*

“Santa’s Sleigh” owned by Lorraine and Carlos Villarreal was filled to the brim with gifts. Another “sleigh” owned by Robbie Dornick was also full and somehow we managed to deliver everything to the Shelter between raindrops.





The Committee

*This photo by Dan Knisely (seen in mirror)*

***The Springs Holiday Dinner  
December 9, 2023***

*(most) photos by  
Barbara Gzyl*

Emcee, Judy Krieger



Caterers from Country Harvest, Newbury Park





Becky and Carlos Duarte



Sandra and Gerry Wilson



Rose and Ron Gearhart

*Holiday Dinner  
Photo Shoots*

LeAnn Matlin and  
Tom Olsen

Louetta Busick, Kitty Turney  
and Susan Spann





Doug and Lori  
Beving



Pat and John  
Wiley



Joan Barker with  
John and Lucy  
Gardner



Carlos and Lorraine  
Villarreal



Greg and Sharon  
Raver-Lampman



Ellen Owens, winner



Pierre Forgette, winner



Poldi Hockenmaier, winner, with friend Freddie Aoygio



Gary Zelinski entertaining the crowd with his story



Barbara and Bill Mason

Centerpiece prize winners

Diann Wirth (who gifted 50 handknitted scarves and several beanies to R.A.I.N. residents)





### *Beautiful Poinsettias!*

If you haven't driven closer to view these incredible plants, you may still have a short while to do so. They're along the section of Camarillo Springs Road that borders the orchard the other side of the 101. After blooming each year, the property owners trim them back so we can enjoy them the next year.

*Poinsettia photos by  
Lorraine Villarreal*



Vicki and Andy Cromer serve quite a crowd at their hummingbird feeder.





## *Our Amazing Wildlife*

On December 12, Malisa sent an email to everyone stating that a mountain lion had been spotted coming out of the Nature Park onto North San Como Lane about 7:30am. Springer Brian Oliver was the one reporting it. He resides here during the winter months with his sister LuAnna and enjoys our mornings so he was simply driving slowly when he spotted the mountain lion (aka cougar or puma) emerging from the park. He stopped the car and observed the cat going close behind his car and crossing the street to the other side. Malisa then received a report from another Springer that someone in Tierras reported spotting a mountain near their pool area approximately an hour later. This photo was taken in that area. Rita Elliott received it from a friend in Tierras; the photographer is unknown.



Brian Oliver loves taking wildlife photos and took these last winter when he spotted a coyote thoroughly enjoying (and protecting) an avocado. If you're reading this online, zoom in and check out the eyes in the first photo and the teeth in the second one.



***“DON'T MESS WITH MY AVOCADO!!”***



## The Springs Book Club

Lillian Zelinski

Join The Springs Book Club for lively discussions with friends and neighbors at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse Library on the first Tuesday of each month! Books are selected by our members and our list for the coming year has been unveiled (see below). On February 6 we will be discussing our latest, highly-rated selection, *When Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. All are welcome! Contact Lillian at [lkzelinski@gmail.com](mailto:lkzelinski@gmail.com) for more information.

Our selections for the next several months are:

Mo	Yr	Book Title	Author
1	2024	<u>While Justice Sleeps: A Thriller (Avery Keene Book 1)</u>	by Stacey Abrams
2	2024	<u>Mad Honey: A Novel</u>	by Jodi Picoult,
3	2024	<u>The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold</u>	by Daniel James Brown
4	2024	<u>Small Great Things: A Novel</u>	by Jodi Picoult,
5	2024	<u>Ordinary Grace</u>	by William Kent Kruger
6	2024	<u>Palace Walk</u>	by Laureate Mafouz
7	2024	<u>The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative</u>	by Eric Weiner
8	2024	<u>Open and Shut: A Novel (Andy Carpenter Book 1)</u>	by David Rosenfelt
9	2024	<u>Firefly Lane: A Novel</u>	by Kristin Hannah
10	2024	<u>Educated: A Memoir - Hardcover by Westover</u>	by Tara Westover
11	2024	<u>The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person</u>	by Frederick Joseph
12	2024	<u>The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair</u>	by Erik Larson
1	2025	Confederates in the Attic	by Tony Horowitz
2	2025	Lessons in Chemistry	by Bonnie Garmus
3	2025	The Covenant of Water (Oprah's Book Club)	<u>by Abraham Verghese</u>
4	2025	The Frozen River	by Ariel Lawhon
5	2025	Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of FBI	by David Grann
6	2025	The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store	by James McBride





### 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.



### THE SPRINGS BOOK CLUB

Join the newly revived Springs Book Club for interesting discussions on the first Tuesday of each month a 4:00pm in the Clubhouse Library. Contact Lillian Zelinski at lkzelinski@gmail.com for details and information.

### 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>ACTIVE LISTINGS:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
1124 Belleza St.	1,650	\$825,000.00
<b>UNDER CONTRACT:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>List Price:</b>
1136 Belleza St.	1,511	\$799,000.00
1146 Paquita St.	1,650	\$799,000.00
<b>SOLDS:</b>		
<b>Address:</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

\*Data taken from CRMLS 12-13-23  
 Becky Duarte @ Premier Options Real Estate  
 DRE#01232355

**REMEMBER, IN THE SPRINGS ~**



<b>The Springs Homeowners Association Financial Report for November, 2023</b>	
Beginning Operating Balance	\$79,543.71
Cash Receipts	\$67,348.93
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$<16,666.67>
Cash Disbursements	\$<61,569.39>
Transfers/Misc.	\$<4,467.36>
Interest Earned	\$8.66
Ending Operating Balance	\$64,197.88
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$1,189,309.61
Reserve Trans from Operating	\$16,666.67
Cash Disbursements	\$<111.50>
Transfer/Misc	\$0
Interest Earned	\$3,220.96
Ending Reserve Balance	\$.1,209,085.74
Reserve Liability	\$<.1,209,085.74>
Reserve Overage or Shortage	\$0



# Birthdays

Camella Moore	6	Los Angeles, CA
Marianne Chavanne	8	Indiana
SofiabMounday	8	Los Angeles, CA
JanisbFlippen	10	Los Angeles, CA
Pam Jensen	10	Fullerton, CA
Jeanne Lackey	10	Huntington Park, CA
Bill Mounday	12	Los Angeles, CA
Earlenn Bristol	13	Salida, CO
James McKaye	13	Milwaukee, WI
Georgia Palmer	13	St Louis, MO
Robert Latunski	14	Owosso, MI
Kathryn Turney	14	Philadelphia, PA
David Foley	15	Glendale, CA
Helene Peterson	16	Illinois
Doris StGermain	16	
Greg Jensen	20	Downey, CA
Judy Mersey	20	Long Beach, CA
Nina Harris	22	Cleveland, OH
Kerry Ross	24	Long Beach, CA
Ted Koupal	25	New York City, NY
Cindy Kester	27	Binghamton, NY
Joe Jacobsen	28	Tonapa, NV
Randy Adams	30	Los Angeles, CA
Joanne Stickle	30	Los Angeles, CA
Barbara Gzyl	31	Lebanon, OR



# Anniversaries

Mark/Theresa Heyes	1	Squaw Valley, CA
21 years		
Dave Wagner/Bieke Lieckens	9	Thermal, CA
18 years		
Mark/Janis Flippen	16	San Pedro, CA
42 years		
Randy/Kathleen Adams	20	Simi Valley, CA
23 years		
Erik/Sharon Dahl	30	Victorville, CA
53 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.

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

<b>THE SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	
<i>President:</i>	John Gardner
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<i>Chief Financial Officer:</i>	Barry Gilbert
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<i>Director:</i>	Jeanne McNair

<b>SPRINGS TIMES</b>	
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<i>Official Phototapher</i>	Lorraine Villarreal
<i>Photo Editor:</i>	Robbie Dornick
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<i>Distribution:</i>	Malisa Kundin

# January 2024

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