



Spanish Lakes News

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President's Report

Spring is just around the corner and your Board of Directors is as busy as a beehive.

Since the representative for Mark IV was not in attendance, the board did not get any written concerns you may have sent to consider at this meeting. Hopefully, this will be resolved by the next meeting, which will be physically closer to us and attended by a Mark IV representative. Once again, send concerns to Mark IV, and we will get them this time.

Is anyone interested in being on the Social Committee to set up a possible potluck for the summer meeting at the Spanish Lake's park? The Association may provide liquid refreshments.

Lynn Crawford has agreed to fill the vacancy left by the departure of John Van de Wouw. She will serve as secretary in addition to newsletter Editor (with husband, Bill). Welcome aboard Lynn, and continuing thanks, Bill.

The claim against Los Amigos has been reacted with the hiring of a new attorney and preliminary research by a forensic civil engineer. We hope to meet Los Amigos soon.

Rules and neighborhood protocols are still in the study stage; we hope to have enough structure to maintain harmony and values but not so much as to be over-bearing. It's a balancing act!

One of these days we may have time to develop a long-term plan for the association and address finances, lifestyles, capital improvements, harmony, and more. We appreciate committee volunteers, special project workers and volunteers, and homeowners who attend and observe Board meetings and are a part of the association!

Board's Report

South Lake

The board voted to get approval for expenditures to bring the south lake up to true lake status. The expenditures will be used to install a solar pump to add water as needed. This may be a temporary fix pending resolution of the claim against the developer.

Financial Report

No special assessment was approved at this time for ongoing financial needs, but there are future issues that may require expenditures requiring a special assessment. None of us want this, but we may need it. The financial report for 2005 is enclosed.

Water Availability: Fire and Power Outage

Due to continued questions about the fire protection and response, we will try to get a representative from the fire department for an informational meeting concerning the capacity to pump water from hydrants in the event of a power outage or fire. Fire trucks have their own pumps on board, so there seems little chance that we would be without water. Some residents would like a back-up generator available for the pumps. This generator would work to get water to the southern lots.

Scooter Vote

The vote on amending the CC&Rs to allow for electric scooters was 13 YES and 18 NO. Therefore the board will not proceed at this time with further action.

4-H Project

The Board has granted a request to have a 4-H project involving lambs on private property (Roberts) for a short term. They will be gone, and the pens removed by August.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th at 5:30 P.M. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room. The previously sched-

uled date falls during Spring Break, a time that many will be away.

Board Meeting
Tuesday April 25, 2006
5:30 P.M.
Centennial Park
Live Oak Room

Spotlight on Our Wildlife

Many of you have seen the lone coyote wandering the hillsides in the morning, but few of you have seen the red foxes we have, and I am not sure any of you has seen the kit foxes we are supposed to have. Here is why: Kit foxes (listed as endangered) are very shy, nocturnal, and they haven't adapted to living near people as well as their larger cousins. Kits are about the size of a large domesticated cat, and we are supposed to have a den of them in the canyon by Vista de la Vina.

Red foxes have an altogether different personality and I have seen them roaming the canyons in Spanish Lakes. They are bold, but unlike their larger grey fox relatives, do not climb trees. I have not seen the shyer grey around here.

The coyotes are larger, of course, than the foxes, and have adapted very well to living near humans. They traverse a set territory in a timely manner, marking their space religiously.

All of these creatures munch of rodents, which we have aplenty. Speaking of which, those muskrats you may have seen at the lake are members of the rodent family.



Red Fox



Kit Fox

Editor's Report

E-Mail Address

Here is my e-mail address: spanishlakesnews@mac.com. Let me know if any messages you send get returned to you. (239-8997)

Vendor Recommendations

Let me know if any of you have any workmen you really like so I can pass that along in this publication. (Positive recommendations only, please!)

- Tom Lawson recommends Jeff Austin of Pro-Spray for weed abatement as being less expensive than most and also being very reliable. He is the one who sprayed the perimeter of the roads last month for the Association.
- I recommend Mark from Aquamark Pool Care for the same reasons (He services my spa once a week (674-5863).

Visitors from Above

We had an unexpected visitation from the heavens in late February. A hot air balloon got stuck in our quiet air and had to put down by our water tanks. My doggy let me know in no uncertain terms what he thought about this. On another day, he wasn't too pleased about the coyote sleeping in the sun on the hill across from our house, though I found it charming. There is always something wonderful to watch out of the window here at Spanish Lakes.

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