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# SPANISH LAKES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SPANISH LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



## *A Special Place*

*How many people do you know who share a home with ducks, herons, egrets, beaver, turtles, bass, bob cats, mountain lions, hawks, and more? Well, if you're like most of us, you know about 50... your neighbors here in Spanish Lakes! A sincere thanks to all who come out on our annual work days and help to keep this place so special!*

## ✧ The Gates are Fixed!! ✧

*The Board of Directors wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all of our neighbors for your patience and understanding as we worked through a ream of issues to get the entry gates repaired. The Job is done and the story is outlined below...*

### THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD...

Getting our gates fixed truly has been a long and winding road.

The saga began when Spanish Lakes was first established and the developers installed gate motors designed for a residence; not for a community.

Over the years, plain old daily use drove those undersized

motors to an early demise.

Getting them replaced took a lot more work than anyone

anticipated.

The economy has taken a heavy toll on the number of licensed companies in the gate installation and repair

market. But the work is finally done and we are good to go!!!



## White Chocolate Chip Cookies

*One of Santa's Favorite things to find on a cold Christmas night!*

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2/3 cup baking cocoa  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup butter or margarine (soft)  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 large eggs  
2 cups white chocolate chips

Mix all, drop teaspoon dollops on your cookie sheet at 350 for 10 minutes and enjoy!





## ...And Speaking of Roads

Our membership's willingness to put up with a couple days of parking and driving inconveniences enabled us to complete the road re-sealing project, which was badly needed. Thanks to all for cooperating with the effort. With the thickness of the new layer and the repair of many of our driveway joints the roads of Spanish Lakes have never been in better shape. We should get several years of trouble-free service from a job very well done! Please don't forget to pull or treat any weeds that come up in the joints, best not to let their roots get established and push the joints open...

### *Odds & Ends*

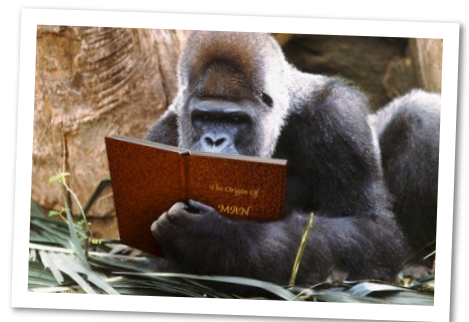


- A reminder to check with the Architectural Compliance Committee before making any outside changes to your home or property. The committee is available for informal consultation and will gladly advise if a written application is required for your project. The committee exists to help ensure the success of your effort.

- Don't let our gates lull you into a false sense of security. As stories in the local paper recently demonstrated, we are only a couple streets removed from where a group of burglars were operating...remember to keep those garage doors closed and don't be reluctant to call the Sheriff about suspicious vehicles or people in the neighborhood.

### *The Last Word*

A special thanks to Tom Lawson and the Bark Posse for a job exceptionally well done at both gates! The last load of redwood bark has been spread and the landscaping at both entries is finally complete.



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