

The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Grounds Report
January 2025

2024 December Grounds 1562 Total Grounds Hours 12/3/2024 16/1446 Total Grounds Hours

George Anderson, Lee Blahnik, Rick Dow, John Kangas, Mark Koruga, Dave Sandvig, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had another busy morning. Mike did some more weed whacking between the Springs and the Greens. Dave did some more cleanup and raking in the Nature Park. Mark spent the morning in the shed working on the air pump. The rest of us were in the Rio Fuerte wash and behind Sharon's house. We cleaned up a bunch of cactus and brush behind Sharon's. Some of the crew was in the wash and did some major tree trimming and cleanup. They put a huge pile of trimmings in the trailer and took it up by the dumpster. Then they went back and picked up the rest of the equipment and we called it a day. Jim got a hold of Felix and told them about the trimmings at the dumpster. Lee and Jim picked up Mike's equipment and took it to the shed. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

12/6/2024 24/1470 Total Grounds Hours George Anderson, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Rick Dow, Bob Fillion, Rick Fillion, Victor Frankfather, John Kangas, Dave Koch, Dave Sandvig and Jim Owen had another busy morning.

Dave S. was back in the Nature Park raking and blowing. The rest of us were behind the Nardos wall. We pretty much took care of that fallen tree. We trimmed up that big tree and trimmed up a bunch of firewood and raked up a ton of branches. We loaded the firewood and rakings in the trailer and took a big load to the dumpster. We also did some major weed whacking. I hope our residents appreciate that firewood. More tree trimming, weed whacking and cleanup on Tuesday behind the Nardos wall. The Rio Fuerte wash will have to wait awhile. Felix can pick up the dumpster stuff and maybe we can get them to go behind the Nardos wall and help us get the rest of our trimmings and cleanup.

12/10/2024 24/1494 Total Grounds Hours Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Rick Fillion, John Fredrickson, John Kangas, Mark Koruga, Gary Moe, Dave Sandvig, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had a busy morning.

Thank You Dawn for the cookies. Dave spent another morning in the Nature Park. The rest of us spent the morning behind the Nardos wall. We did a lot of tree trimming and weed whacking. We left a lot of weed whacking piles and tree trimming piles for Felix. Some of the guys felt we were pretty much done behind the Nardos wall. Depends on what Felix cleaned up today. We may need to spend a little more time behind the Nardos wall. We took a big load to the dumpster. We still have the Rio Fuerte wash to take care of and it has been awhile since we went around the Nature Park. We can talk about it when we meet up on Friday. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

12/13/2024 20/1514 Total Grounds Hours George Anderson, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Rick Dow, Rick Fillion, Mark Koruga, Larry Layten, Gary Moe, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had another busy morning.

When Jim got to the OK Corral Gary was already sharpening the chain saws. Mark spent the morning putting together the new air hose assembly. He put in a new reel and hose and it looks and works really well. The rest of us spent the morning along the frontage road and behind the Nardos wall. We did a lot of tree trimming and weed whacking. George said he would notify Felix about the area that we worked on today. There are still some trees to trim in that area but we decided we would work on that another day. We will be in the Rio Fuerte wash on Tuesday. The Nature Park could use a trim up also. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

12/17/2024 20/1534 Total Grounds Hours Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Bruce Grieshaber, John Kangas, Mark Koruga, Larry Layten, Gary Moe, Mike Seipel and Jim Owen had another really busy morning.

We spent the morning in the Rio Fuerte wash. Bruce and John did some major tree trimming with the new battery chain saw. Thank you Jim C. for getting that chain saw for us. The rest of us stacked the trimmings and did some major weed whacking. We pretty much finished up in the wash except for some major weed whacking near Mike Mitchell's house. There is still a little bit of tree trimming to do behind the south end of the Nardos wall. Friday we decided that we would take a trip around the Nature Park. There is some weed whacking that needs to be done and a little bit of tree trimming. We can talk about it when we meet up on Friday. A Really Big Thank You for all you do. Just a reminder we are taking the weeks of Christmas and New Years off.

12/20/2024 28/1562 Total Grounds Hours George Anderson, Tom Becker, Dick Bierman, Lee Blahnik, Jim Clausen, Rick Dow, Rick Fillion, Bruce Grieshaber, Dave Koch, Mark Koruga, Dave Sandvig, Mike Seipel, Larry Layten and Jim Owen had a really good morning.

Thank you Dawn for the treats. Dave Sandvig spent the morning in the Nature Park cleaning and raking the exercise and rest areas. Mark spent the morning in the Nature Park with the pull behind DR doing some major weed whacking. The rest of us spent the morning behind Dawn and Mike Mitchell's place. We did some major tree trimming, cactus cleanup and weed whacking. We also worked in the Rio Fuerte wash. Bruce took down a big tree and put it in the wash along with a couple more piles of trimming. We did a lot of raking up cactus pods and other debris. We filled all of our garbage cans took two loads to the dumpster. We left several piles of tree trimming for Felix. We went to the OK Corral around 9:30 cleaned up the equipment and called it a day. Remember we are taking Christmas and New Years weeks off. See you in 2025. A Really Big Thank You for all you do.

Jim Owen
Grounds Chair

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February 11, 2025

One final time, Thanks to Jim Owen for his many years of service to the Springs! As often happens, when a person in leadership leaves, it takes several persons to replace that person.

Under our Board President Bruce's leadership, the position has evolved into a team of 4 people.

- Bob Muldoon will be the spokesperson and HOA voting member.
- Lee Blahnik keeps track of workers present and writes a daily work report.
- George Anderson instructs Felix's work crew duties via a Spanish app. This has helped communication immensely.
- Jim Claussen, in consultation with George, plans the daily areas needed to be addressed by the volunteer work crew.

This 4-person committee hopes to meet monthly for long term planning, prepare a budget and follow monthly expenditures. The Committee is open to suggestions, but final decisions are made by the Committee.

The actual monthly Grounds "Work" report is shortened due to the Freezing Temperatures. As we age, we get smarter and have decided that we can defer to cold weather and take a paid day off.

January 21 - 22 hours. The hardy crew started in freezing temperatures removing Desert Broom brush by the front office as this plant is considered a fire hazard by the Firewise program of which we are a member. Ocotillo by front office was trimmed so that the Flag would not snag. A tree in the Rio Fuerte Wash was taken down. Dave Sandvig worked on Nature trail bench areas.

January 28 - 22 hours. The area between the Greens and The Springs was cleaned out of thorny acacia, mesquite, Buffel grass, and salt cedar while the OK corral was reorganized and cleaned.

February 4 - 20 hours. Area between the Springs and The Greens was trimmed and the east side of Perry Park saw the Juniper bushes trimmed to allow more sidewalk access. The bushes will "green" up later. A resting bench was stabilized. Finally, a cholla "forest" near the walking path was thinned out.

Dr. Robert Muldoon
Grounds Chair

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March 2025

The Grounds volunteers totaled 212 hours of service to The Springs in the month of February with an average of 12 volunteers a day. The total volunteer hours for the year are 356.

Areas of concern addressed were:

- The common area behind Blue Fox
- The area between the Greens and The Springs
- The entrance of The Springs where bushes were trimmed, and Raven excrement was power washed

The majority of time was spent in The Nature Park removing tumbleweeds and Desert Broom due to their extreme fire hazard. Areas of overgrown mesquite trees were thinned and removed as part of the Firewise Project.

Thanks to Gary Moe for his generous time spent keeping our saws sharp and to Bruce Grieshaber for the time spent repairing an irrigation line and Dawn Weber and Jeff Wellington for their tasty treats. In closing, the Grounds crew thanks all The Springs residents for their generous monetary gifts as a means of showing their appreciation for the many hours the Grounds crew spends in keeping The Springs looking clean and inviting!

Bob Muldoon
Grounds Chair

**The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
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April 8, 2025**

The Grounds crew worked a total of 134 hours since last report. We also collected and disposed of 50 yards of debris and 15 yards of chipping.

We worked at the south end of the nature Park down the Middle towards the North. We also worked on clearing branches and limbs on the south side of the path towards the wash.

Jim Clausen
Grounds Crew

**The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
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5/13/2025**

- We have finished up with Nature Park clean up on the south end north of the walking path.
- Started work on the south end of the walking path.
- We created some wildlife refuge areas out in the nature park also.
- We recently started work behind Blue Fox doing trimming and cleaning up there.
- We have also cut down a few small dead trees in various common areas.

Hours worked 156

Debris Cut Yards 61

Chipped debris 34 Yards

Jim Clausen
Grounds Chair

**Grounds Report to the Board
September 2025**

- I joined two Zoom sessions with the Carpenter Law Firm in regard to legal issues that may come up in our HOA.
- I talked to 3 Springs residents about issues with trees behind their homes.
- I met with two different landscape companies to get bids on doing the tree trimming in Perry Park.
- I met George Anderson and Victor at Perry Park in regard to a water leak in one of the sprinkler control valves.
- I met Victor at Perry Park to look at a broken backflow that had been broken off at the ground level.

Work done by Ground crew so far this month:

- 12 man hours
- 15 yards of debris cut
- 6 yards put in the dumpster

Jim Clausen
Grounds Chair

**October 2025
Grounds crew work 88 hours
Debris removed 45 yards**

I attended several meetings regarding the Perry Park project.
I talked to a few residents regarding some cleanup and trimming behind their homes.
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**The Springs Homeowners Association
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December 9, 2025**

138 volunteer hours

56 yards of debris removed

I also helped set up the Christmas decorations at the HOA entrance last Saturday morning.

Talked to two residents about some common area clean-up behind their property.

I installed four Sonic Squirrel deterrent devices in four common areas in the HOA's north end.

Jim Clausen

Grounds Chair

