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## COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Sun. - Feb. 8**      **SVLPOA Breakfast**  
**8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Sat. - Feb. 21**      **Battle of the Bands**  
**7:00 PM**

**Sat. - Feb. 28**      **Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser**  
**Doors open at 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:00 PM**

# SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2015

4	Lake Recovery Meeting	9:00 AM
4	C.E.R.T. Meeting	6:00 PM
4	CSA2 Meeting	7:00 PM
8	SVLPOA Breakfast	8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
19	SVLPOA General Meeting	6:30 PM
21	Battle of the Bands	7:00 PM
28	Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser	Doors open at 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:00 PM

## MARCH 2014

4	Lake Recovery Meeting	9:00 AM
4	C.E.R.T. Meeting	6:00 PM
4	CSA2 Meeting	7:00 PM
8	SVLPOA Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
13	St. Pat's Dinner	Doors open at 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:00 PM
14 & 15	C.E.R.T Training	All Day
19	SVLPOA General Meeting	6:30 PM
<b>OFFICERS OF BOARD ELECTIONS</b>		
20 & 21	Indoor Rummage Sale	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## APRIL 2014

1	Lake Recovery Meeting	9:00 AM
1	CSA2 Meeting	7:00 PM
1	C.E.R.T. Meeting	6:00 PM
5	Easter Sunday Egg Hunt	1:30 PM
12	SVLPOA Breakfast	8:00 – 11:00 AM
16	SVLPOA General Meeting	6:30 PM



If someone in your neighborhood could use a bit of sunshine due to an illness, or whatever, please let our Sunshine Lady know.

Linda Mann, 998-9464, will be happy to send some warm wishes to them.



## BREAKFAST

### SUNDAY

### FEBRUARY 9

**8 - 11 A.M.**

**OMELETTES**

**HASH BROWNS**

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**BACON**

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**FRUIT**

**ADULTS \$7.00**

**KIDS (3-12) \$3.00**

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Free lending library at the Community Center

Paperback Books Only

If you want to donate books, please contact a SVLPOA board member to review and accept your donation. Books left without prior approval could be thrown away.

### SVLPOA OFFICERS

President	Win Cary	998-3004
V. President	Jon Holt	998-9497
Sec./ Treas.	Linda Holt	998-9497
Bldg. Co-or.	Jim Cary	998-3004

### OTHER NUMBERS

Community Center	998-4982
Newsletter Editor Win Cary	998-3004

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### CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE

Campground Information	998-9194
Report Vandalism – Sheriff Dispatch	263-2690
Sheriff's Office	262-4200

***(The park and grounds are cared for by all our residents. Remember to keep the gate to the park closed and locked at all times.)***

### Website Committee Update

There's an early draft of the new Spring Valley Website at: [www.svlpoa.org/wordpress](http://www.svlpoa.org/wordpress). We've decided not to rush, and take a couple of months before we go live. This way we can continue to develop an attractive and easy-to-use web presence viewable on any platform, provide effective advertising for our sponsors, and easily print the newsletter looking just like it always has.

And now it looks like we may even beat the cell tower turn-up date!

Our philosophy from the beginning has been to enhance our communication, and make it easy to know what's going on in the area. We're not performing SEO (Search Engine Optimization), or listing on search engines, etc. because we're sure no one wants tourists or home seekers driving around clogging up our roads.

Remember, the correct venue to direct your desires, comments and questions is at the next SVLPOA General Membership meeting at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30. We'd love to hear your ideas, so feel free to stop by and tell us what they are.

Thanks,  
Win, Peggy and Chris

### County Service Area (CSA) #2

#### Advisory Board Members

Chair	Jim McDole	998-9535
Vice Chair	Mark Currier	998-0241
Secretary	Toni Field	998-2134
Members:	Ed Smith	998-1167
	Peggy O'Day	998-2987
	Chris Musser	998-9315

The Advisory Board has different committees to help deal with issues in our Valley.

Finance and Planning	Water
Lake Recovery	Roads, Dams & Bridges
Community Safety	

### First 2015 Breakfast

Happy New Year to all residents! The first breakfast of the new year was, of course, great! This was, once again, due to all the wonderful volunteers. Jim Cary and Jon Holt worked Saturday to prepare the chili rellenos and chop the fresh veges. Jim was there bright and early Sunday to get the rellenos in the oven. The feedback was spectacular!

Pat Knowles was at her post selling tickets and Carol Weber was at her post taking them. The food was excellently prepared by Gary Martin, Mark Currier, and Rob Christian. Heather Fairless, Carol Butzbach, Valerie DeMaggio, and Kathy Vogan were behind the tables serving it all with a smile. Gayle Christian was everywhere. She made sure there were biscuits in the oven, the tables were bussed, and coffee cups were kept full. Jules Manning worked like crazy to bus tables and serve coffee, also. Ken Nicholson was the official dishwasher and Win Cary came in to help. I want to thank everyone involved. They did a wonderful job . . . as usual.

Linda Holt  
Secretary/Treasurer

## BY-LAWS REVISIONS

By Win Cary

Thank you to all the people who attended the January 15 meeting and gave their input on the proposed By-Laws revisions. It took a while, with much discussion, but the revisions were approved with the exception of the ones shown below. These revisions will be addressed at the February 19 meeting. Once these areas are discussed and approved, a copy of the new wording will be available to all members.

### Article 2: Membership

Section 1. The membership of the organization shall consist of any property owner residing or owning property within the Spring Valley Lakes subdivision who agrees to abide by these bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the SVLPOA. Each member shall be 18 years and older shall have one (1) vote, ~~a maximum of two (2) votes per family~~, and the rights and privileges of the members shall be equal.

Section 2. Associate Members of this corporation shall consist of any adult person (including tenants) ~~or family~~ residing within the stated boundaries of Spring Valley Lakes or such other areas as may be approved by the Board of Directors who agree to abide by these bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the ~~Spring Valley Lakes Property Owners Association~~ SVLPOA. Each associate membership shall be equal. Only property owners ~~that no more than two (2)~~ shall serve on the Board of Directors ~~and shall not hold the office of President or Vice President.~~

### Article 4: Officer Nominations, Elections and Vacancies

Section 1. At the February general membership meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee. The committee shall be composed of three (3) active SVLPOA members. The nominating committee shall present or submit the slate of candidates as the last agenda item at the March general membership meeting. Candidates shall be property owners and members in good standing. Other nominations can be made from the floor on the night of the election. Elections shall be by secret ballot at the March General Meeting. The nominating committee shall count the votes.

## Campground

The area between the campground gate and Wolf Creek was cleared of brush, resulting in five large piles of brush being burnt.

Thank you, Darren Batzold, for helping on burn day, clearing up the dumpster area, removing tires, concrete chunks and large pieces of metal from the campground area. Thank you to Jamie, the lady on horseback, Mark Currier, Mike Burger, Mark Burger, Virgil Balsey, Ken Breen and Whitewolf Switzer for their hard work on cutting up our fallen trees.

We are looking for anyone with a tractor, loader, box scraper, or full size backhoe to volunteer for work to be done in the camp-ground. Call me if you can help at 998-1948. Joe G. Welz, SVCC

Thanks to our neighbors who came and helped with tree clean-up. We should all have our fingers crossed that we don't lose any more of our beautiful oaks. You may notice some more activity in the next weeks clearing brush around the area as well.

The committee will have a meeting this month to take a look at upcoming projects. Everybody is welcome, so check the sign across from the Pantry for date and time.

That's it for now ... see you in the campground! - Helen

**SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA)**  
**2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**(Annual dues to be paid by January 31)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ **Individual \$10.00 (minimum age 18 years)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please mail to me**

**First Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mailing Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Voting Member**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Voting Member**

Send this coupon and a check for dues to SVLPOA, 3000 Wolf Creek Rd., Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423, or bring to a SVLPOA event at the Community Center. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Spring Valley Community Center.

**2015 SVLPOA MEMBERSHIPS DUE BY FEBRUARY 19 FOR VOTING IN MARCH**

Welcome new members Kim & Michael Franz, Steve Johnson, Tom Overton, Doug & Barbara Penn, Kathryn Silva, Nancy & Dick Watkins, and Stephen Woski. Thank you to the 103 members who have paid for 2015, and to our advertisers. Your support helps to promote the activities and the maintenance at the Community Center; and to have the newsletter come to you each month.

A new POA Board will be voted for in on March 20. To be a voting member in March, you must pay your 2015 membership by February 19, 2015. Be sure that your voice is heard. The SVLPOA is your representation of what you want for your neighborhood and how to use the Community Center to benefit all members of the community.

**SVLPOA MISSION STATEMENT**

The specific and primary purposes for which this association was formed are:

- a) To carry on a program in the mutual interests of property owners in the association for the benefit and preservation of their respective property.
- b) To further certain common objectives as follows: proper zoning ordinances, adequate police and fire protection, proper sanitation controls, revitalization of Spring Valley Lake; establishment of the Architectural Committee.
- c) To promote the construction of a Community Center building and adequate recreational facilities.

The SVLPOA also organizes and sponsors social events to raise funds for activities, and promotes a friendly, neighborly, and helpful environment for the Spring Valley and Long Valley area.

**SVLPOA LOGO CONTEST**

The SVLPOA website is nearing completion! We now need a logo for our home page to identify the beautiful area we live in. All residents are invited to submit a drawing of their idea for a logo. You can provide multiple drawings for the contest. Be sure your name and phone number are on each submission.

Drawings can be submitted in person at any POA function at the community center, by mail to: LOGO contest, 3000 Wolf Creek Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA. 95423, or by e-mail to [cary3243@gmail.com](mailto:cary3243@gmail.com).

We will also be deciding what type of print font and color (branding) will be used as our official look develops. If you have ideas for the style and colors that will become the "official" look for the web site, we will be happy to see your ideas.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is amazing how much information is presented at the various meetings held at our Community Center. I enjoy hearing how people are doing, and what is happening in our area.

**Membership for 2015 is due** - Don't forget to have your POA membership dues paid by the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting so you can vote in your new Board of Directors. Speaking of your new Board, everyone should consider serving our community and run for a board position. The current Board members will not be running for office for 2015. Also, the \$18 campground dues for Spring Valley property owners, payable to Special Districts, will be coming due soon.

**Breakfast** - As usual, Linda Holt organized a great group of volunteers to accomplish our great breakfast. Connie Johnson won the free breakfast. We served 70 adults and three children.

**Chili Cook-off**- More than 50 people came to taste the eight types of chili cooked by some very good chefs. Jim and I cooked up some great cornbread, made a super salad, and many "ladies of the valley" brought in some super desserts. Jon Holt received first place, Pat Knowles took second, and Nicole Van Schaick was in third. Lori Fleck and Mike Porter were a big help working in the bar. A large number of residents stepped forward and helped with the judging, serving, and clean up. A BIG THANKS to all of them!!

**Kitchen Cleanup** – We had a super crew of nine volunteers to help give the kitchen area a thorough cleaning. Thank you to Jon & Linda Holt, Jim & Crystal Kinder, Chris Musser, Jesse James, and Rob Christian who helped Jim and I scrub for five hours to make the kitchen sparkle.

**Cell Tower Update** - The cell tower is working for people with Verizon cell phones. We were told that all cell companies would be available through the tower, but I assume that the other companies need to install their equipment for their cell phone customers.

**Roadside Shaded Fuel Break Update** - Cal Fire Konocti Camp Captain Pallessen reported that the grant funding from the State Responsible Area (SRA) parcel fees has passed the first proposal review, and has been accepted for the final review.

If the grant proposal is accepted, our area will have the benefit of a Konocti Conservation crew working to clear the brush from a portion of Long Valley Road, a portion of Spring Valley Road, and in the campground.

**Golden Membership** - The Golden Membership (previously called Honorary Membership) program is a way to say "Thank You" to people who have spent years volunteering to build the Community Center and keep the SVLPOA functioning. We currently have ten people on the Golden Membership list. The majority of these people worked for the Community 15 to 20 years ago. They were voted in for Golden Membership after a group of members signed a petition to honor them for their volunteer work, and it was voted on at a General Meeting. Having a paid membership is a small form of "thank you" for their years of hard work.

**General Membership and Associate Membership** - Any resident and/or property owner of the Spring Valley and Long Valley area can become a member and/or volunteer of the SVLPOA. Residents of the Long Valley area helped to begin the POA, and spent many hours in the construction of the Community Center.

We currently have members living out of the area; we certainly welcome residents living in the area.

**Long Valley Road Mudslide Cleanup** - When I called Lake County Public Works about the delay in cleaning up the mudslides on Long Valley Road, they explained to me that they had one crew of six men to clear the roads on the North side of the county. The worst slide was in the Blue Lakes area, so they started working there first. They then worked towards the east clearing up roads as they went. Thankfully, they finally got to Long Valley Road before additional rains begin.

**Surveyors and Airplane Flights by P.G. & E.** - Residents who have noticed the surveyors and the slow airplane in our area will be happy to know that these are PG&E workers mapping the location of power poles. They plan to add additional poles, or replace poles in our area.

## President's Message, Continued

**Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for the Community Center** - Come to the Community Center spaghetti feed fundraiser on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The Community Center could be a better meeting place for our community with a few upgrades and improvements.

Please bring your ideas for improving the community center, i.e. new stoves (\$1,000 each), commercial refrigerator (\$2,000), cement walkway in front of lanai (\$180), blacktop parking area (\$35,000), enclose lanai for pool room (\$?), etc. All your ideas will be considered, but we all need to work towards raising the funds to complete the projects.

Bring the family for a great dinner, and bring your ideas for improving the building and the grounds around it.

**By-Laws Revision** – There was a very good turnout of members at our January General Meeting to discuss the revision of the SVLPOA Bylaws. 20 of the revisions were voted on and approved, but a few of them caused such a long discussion that they were tabled until the February meeting. These revisions are shown in this newsletter on Page 4. We need your input on how these should be worded to accommodate the majority of the residents. I hope to see you at the February meeting.

**Thank You** – Thank you to the Stan Quarles family for their donation of potatoes for our breakfast. Their thoughtfulness is appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing you around the valley. – Win Cary, President

## INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE

On March 20 & 21 we will have the annual indoor rummage sale at the Community Center. Doors will open at 9:00 am, and be open until 4:00 pm each day. Low cost breakfast and lunches will be served, coffee will be free, and there will be great dessert items for sale.

This is a great opportunity for you to clean out those closets, rent a table for \$15.00, and you keep all the proceeds. If you can't spend two days, share a table with a friend or you can donate items to be sold as a SVLPOA fund raiser. Call 998-3004 to reserve a table or to donate items. Tables are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. If the weather cooperates, we will have additional tables for use on the lanai.

## SPRING VALLEY CERT GOES ACTIVE by Monte Winters

Spring Valley has had a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for almost six years now and soon it will more than double in size. With county support, our CERT will expand regular training and operations within the valley. Formed in May, 2009, and most recently active during the Wye Fire, CERT works hardest when disaster strikes or threatens the community.

Our CERT is made up of neighbors who volunteer to enter a continuous training program made up of an initial, formal class followed by periodic, focused training held here or at other locations throughout Lake County. The county will provide opportunities to gain specialized skills in firefighting for rescue, damaged building entry and search, shoring and cribbing, disaster triage and first aid, disaster operations management, traffic management, search and rescue, and other specialties that may be required in disasters.

In between training exercises, our CERT will be busy analyzing our community to determine the likely hazards that may befall us, determine how best to prepare for and mitigate them, enlist the support of the community to prepare, and then practice.

**The formal CERT class will take place the weekend of March 14th & 15th.** Attendees can anticipate long hours of hard work for both days to fit all the material into just two days. Details on the schedule and class size will be forthcoming.

There is a CERT meeting the first Wednesday of every month (at least through March) at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Those wishing to attend the CERT training in March should attend the February and March meeting.

This is all made possible by Lake County's Office of Emergency Services (OES), the agency responsible for preparing for, and mitigating, emergencies. OES is also the agency that formalizes CERTs within Lake County.



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