

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA, 3000 Wolf Creek Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423

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September 2015

Area Activities for September

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| 13 | SVLPOA Breakfast | Community Center
8:00 to 11:00 a.m. |
| 17 | SVLPOA General Meeting | Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
(Supervisor <u>Jim Steele</u> , guest) |
| 19 | Members Appreciation Dinner | Community Center
Bar opens at 4:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6 p.m. |

Spring Valley Calendar

September 2015

2	Lake Recovery Meeting	Community Center	9:00 a.m.
2	CERT Meeting	Community Center	6:00 p.m.
2	CSA2 Meeting	Community Center	7:00 p.m.
13	SVLPOA Breakfast	Community Center	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
17	SVLPOA General Meeting (With guest Supervisor Jim Steele)	Community Center	6:30 p.m.
19	SVLPOA Members Appreciation Dinner, Community Center "Cook Your Own Steak"	Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bar opens at 4:30 p.m.	

October 2015

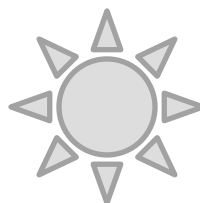
7	Lake Recovery Meeting	Community Center	9:00 a.m.
7	CERT Meeting	Community Center	6:00 p.m.
7	CSA2 Meeting	Community Center	7:00 p.m.
10	Community Center Cement Walkway Blocks		
11	SVLPOA Breakfast	Community Center	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
15	SVLPOA General Meeting (With guest Kristie Barnes from the SPCA)	Community Center	6:30 p.m.
17	Octoberfest with Dave Mallow/ Karaoke		
24	Community-wide Yard Sales		
31	Children's Halloween Party		5:00 p.m.

November 2015

4	Lake Recovery Meeting	Community Center	9:00 a.m.
4	CERT Meeting	Community Center	6:00 p.m.
4	CSA2 Meeting	Community Center	7:00 p.m.
8	SVLPOA Breakfast	Community Center	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
15	SVLPOA General Meeting	Community Center	6:30 p.m.

Send Someone a Bit of Sunshine

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,
September 13
8 to 11 a.m.

Special: Fresh Fruit!
Pancakes and Omelets
Hash browns
Sausages and bacon
Biscuits and Gravy

"Service with a smile."

Adults \$7.00 Kids \$3.00

Community Yard Sale

Because of many phone calls and lots of interest we are having a community wide yard sale on Oct. 24. You plan on getting your stuff together and setting your sale up on your property. The SVLPOA will do all the signs, advertising and maps to all the locations of people who want to participate. Charge for organizing and advertising this event for our residents is only \$5.00. If you want to be a part of this, call Gayle Christian at 998-9928, to sign up and be put on the map. This is always a very successful event for everyone and it should be nice weather. Get in on the fun!

SVLPOA Officers

President	Gayle Christian	998-9928
V. President	Kathy Vogan	998-3819
Secretary	Sunny Gardner	530-5497
Treasurer	Donna Barker	998-9350
Bldg. Co-or.	Jon VonSchaik	998-9781
Newsletter	Carol Butzbach	998-9107

Please submit articles for the next newsletter to cbutzbach@ngl.net. Deadline: September 20th!

Campground Committee

Campground Information	998-9194
Campground Keys	998-9376
Report Vandalism – Sheriff Dispatch	263-2690
Sheriff's Office	262-4200

Sheriff Brian Martin's email address:

brian.martin@lakecountycal.gov

Please note: We have a new number for the Community Center. It is: 533-9810

The park and grounds are cared for by all our residents. Please be conservative with our campground water! Remember to keep the gate to the park closed and locked at all times.

Rocky by Joe Welz, SVCC

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Moose Lodge for taking care of Spring Valley's evacuees. For those who can, a donation to the Lodge would help offset their costs. Thank you Gretchen Fritsch and Jay Michael for helping clean up at the Moose Lodge after we all came home. Gill, thank you for the many mornings of your hard work preparing such wonderful breakfasts and lunches for us to enjoy. Lake County's overwhelming donations of commodities, food and bottled water, was amazing. I have a new respect for humanity, thank you. Spring Valley has dodged the bullet in the Forks, Wye, and now Rocky with other fires over the years. If High Valley, Wolf Ridge, Rupert Ridge, Quartz Canyon, or the area between us and Indian Valley Reservoir should burn, the outcome could be very different. For now, thank God our homes are safe.

County Service Area (CSA) #2 Advisory Board Members

Chair (Water/Roads)	Jim McDole	998-9535
Chair (Lake Recovery)	Mark Currier	998-0241
Chair (Safety)	Peggy O'Day	998-2987
Chair (Finance)	Ed Smith	998-1167
Secretary	Toni Field	
Members	Helen Mitcham	
	Monte Winters	

The Advisory Board has different committees to help deal with issues in our Valley: Finance and Planning, Water, Lake Recovery, Roads, Dams and Bridges, and Community Safety.

Our President's Message

Hello friends and neighbors, I begin with saying this month that I am grateful everyone is home safe and sound. Our CERTS team was prepared and did a great job of advising our residents from the beginning to the end of the fire. It was a very hectic month for all of us. Our building coordinator, John Van Schaik and his family managed to pull off a wonderful breakfast on Aug.9, only two days after coming home. We all thank you and all our wonderful volunteers for "coming through". Our "Duck Race" was June 25th. We had some very brave souls that went in the water to send and catch the ducks. Thank you all who made it fun! The lucky winners were: 1st place, Ellen Odom, 2nd place Franz Rehfield, and 3rd place went to Helen Mitcham. Community spirit was certainly alive the day of our pig roast! Thank you to Joe Welz who supplied the firewood. Thank you to Bob Keyes for the delicious job you did! Thank you to the awesome cooks who prepared the sides and desserts. Thank you to all our volunteers who made this event so successful. (Continued on page 5)

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA)

Membership Form

Date _____ ☐ Individual \$10 ☐ Please mail my newsletter

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone: _____

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Signature of Voting Member

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

Valley Stray Cat Round-up Coming: October 4, 2015

by Linda Holt

As you all know, we have quite a few stray and/or feral cats in Spring Valley. The concern is that they will reproduce and create even more. Many of you, including myself, are feeding these poor animals out of compassion. This insures that they will never go away.

In cooperation with one of our neighbors, a general roundup of male strays is being organized. Pat Knowles has volunteered to take the males to County Animal Control for neutering. This will at least curb the reproduction issue. After their surgery, **they will be returned to you.** These newly neutered and now semi-feral strays make an excellent defense against pests like mice, moles, voles, rats, etc.

All you need to do is contain them in a carrier and bring them to Pat on Sunday, October 4th. Per Animal Control rules, there can only be one cat per carrier. She will keep them, in the carrier, overnight and take them to Lakeport the next day. You will need to give her your phone number so she can let you know when **they are ready to be picked up.** Please remember, this is for males only. Females will be handled at another time. Also remember, **they will be returned to you.**

This is a forward-looking and compassionate plan that allows the animals to live while reducing pest problems that are often associated with rural living. Pat should be commended for following through on behalf of the entire community. With any luck, we will have a great response to this; I'm sure that volunteers will be needed to help transport the animals. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please call. My phone number is 998-9497 and Pat's number is 998-9908. Give Pat a call with numbers (a head count, so to speak) of cats you would be able to round up for this first go-round.

Membership Appreciation Dinner, September 19

Please plan on attending our membership dinner. This dinner is free to all SVLPOA members, and it includes steaks and side dishes. Guests or non-members can pay \$10.00 for their dinner. Be sure to call a Board member to reserve your dinner(s), so that they will know how many steaks to buy.

Upcoming: Very Special Guests

At our next two SVLPOA meetings, we will be joined by special guests. We would like very much to have a big turnout at these meetings. Please plan on attending, and if you have things on your mind that you would like to ask one of these guests about, bring your ideas. Meetings generally last about one and a half hours, unless there is lively (and respectful) debate. Know that you are free to leave early if you must.

Supervisor Jim Steele, September 17th
Kristie Barnes from SPCA, October 15th

Our SVLPOA Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., and refreshments are available! There is no better way to get in touch with our community happenings, and your support is appreciated by all of us.

Newsletter News

If you would like to receive your very own personal copy of the newsletter in your mailbox, but you don't belong to the SVLPOA yet, there is a form in this newsletter for you to use. The cost per person is \$10, and membership includes having your newsletter mailed to you. Just remember to mark the space in front of "Please mail my newsletter." On the other hand, if you are receiving the newsletter by mail and you would rather not, please notify me in person, or at: cbutzbach@ngl.net

Coming Soon: Walkway Blocks

If you missed the last walkway block-making event, another round is coming in October. Blocks immortalizing your thoughts or names are \$25 each.

Our President's Message (continued)

We had a very good SVLPOA meeting on the 20th with Sheriff Martin. He is trying hard to be watchful of all the county and we appreciated being able to voice our concerns about Spring Valley. Next month we will have our supervisor, Jim Steele. We have lots of things coming up in Sept. and Oct. Check the calendar on the 2nd page of the newsletter. Please come and enjoy our next breakfast on Sept.13th. Hope to see you then. Be safe and be well. Gayle Christian, President

please

by carol butzbach

the view is like a spring bouquet
too beautiful to look away
hold it

the vantage point from cliffs of rock
is so encompassing it shocks
see it
the whistling wind through piney bough
evokes a forest tune somehow
hear it

the moon and stars so brightly shine
it can be said they're yours and mine
feel it

the majesty of unspoiled wilds
pristine nature for miles and miles
preserve it

Some Benefits of the Rocky Fire

by Whitewolf Robert Switzer, Community Volunteer

An Amazing Outpouring of Caring and Community!

The Fire just cleared over 110 square miles of brush!

The Tons of Ash created by this Fire will Fertilize the land and within a few years will generate Beautiful, New Growth which in turn will help Our Wildlife to Repopulate the Land!

The Tons of Charcoal created by this Fire will wash into Our Creeks and 'Adsorb'(that is the correct word) many of the environmental poisons in Our Water - making Our Streams Cleaner and Healthier!

The Charcoal will also wash in to Clearlake - especially the East end of the Lake and will aid in the Healing of Our Beautiful Lake!

Through the combined efforts of community volunteers working with our fire personal we now have a Wonderful Network of Ridge Trails to the East Overlooking Spring Valley. These Trails are the Good Beginning and represent the 'Re-creation' of the Network of Ridge Trails created by the Indian people who lived in this valley for thousands of years. Native peoples used a massive Network of Ridge Trails for Traveling, Foraging, Hunting and Controlled Burns.

Work to Do

Become VIGILI DEL FUOCO - "Watchers of the Smoke". Everyone who was in Spring Valley and in Lake County during these recent Fires just received their training.

Learning and understanding the patterns of the smoke is a valuable tool for Our Future, both in Protecting and Managing Our Land.

Join our Community Emergency Preparedness Team (CERT) as we continue our learning and training to become better prepared to Serve and Protect Our Community.

LEARN about Controlled Burns as An Effective Tool for Managing The Land!

Did you Know that All of Our Professional Fire Fighters are Trained in Controlled Burning...

Did you Know CDF is will to do Training and Demonstrations of Controlled Burns?

Why is it not happening? The answer is simple. Fire Personnel do not want to do something for Our Benefit, such as a Controlled Burn, and have hundreds of phone calls complaining about the smoke.

We can learn about Controlled Burns and how they can be done properly.

We Can Invite and Support CDF and Fire Personnel coming into our valley to do controlled burns this coming spring. Controlled Burns are only necessary if we want to live in Spring Valley without evacuating ever more frequently.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Brian Martin

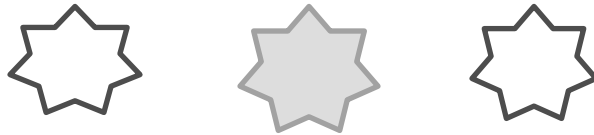
by Carol Butzbach

Sheriff Martin came to speak to a full house at the SVLPOA meeting on August 20th. Sheriff Martin spoke on a variety of issues, and listened and responded to questions and remarks from the audience. We want to thank him for making time for us and presenting us with a very informative visit.

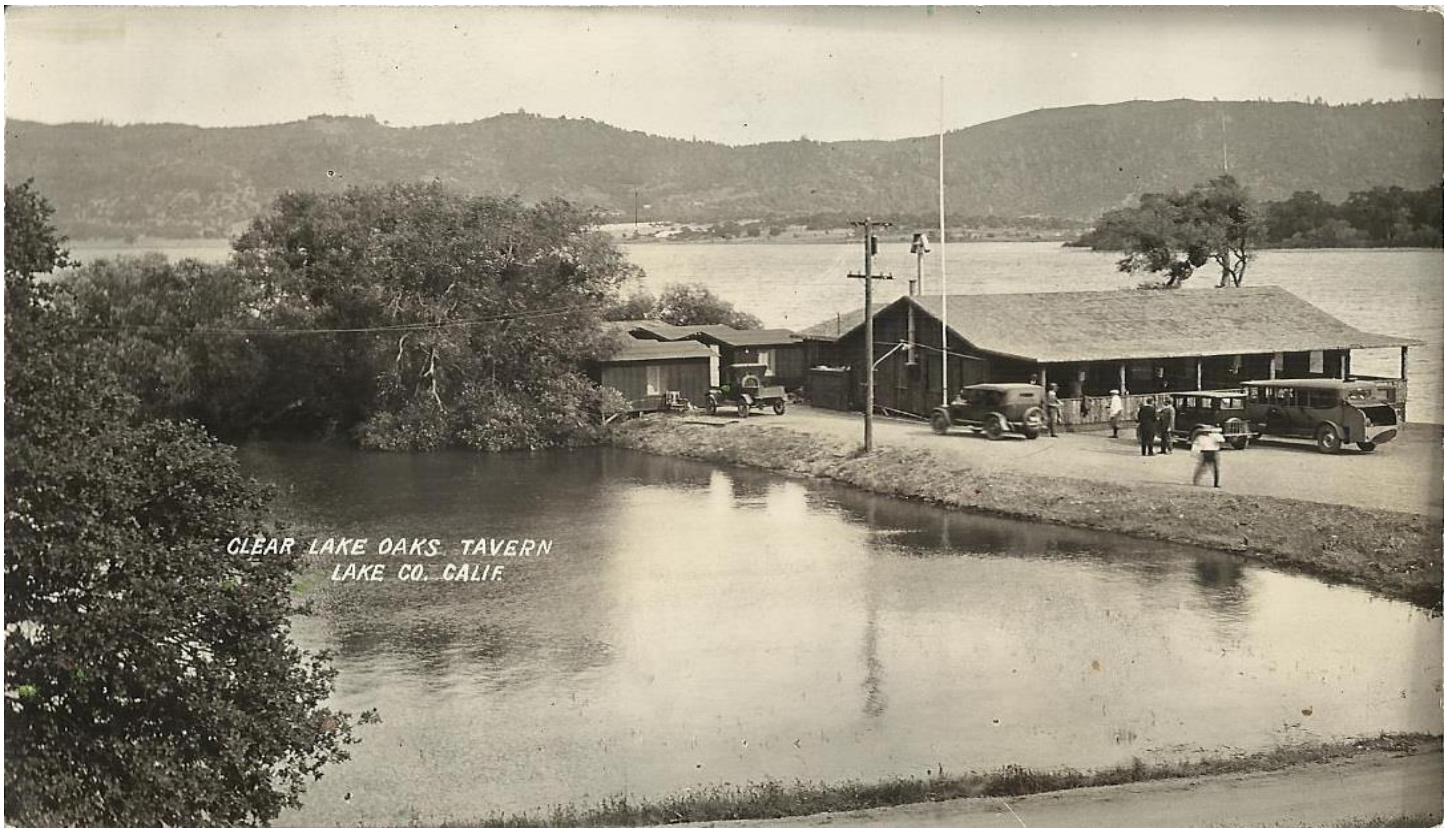
Topics Sheriff Martin covered were the unbelievably destructive nature of the Rocky and Jerusalem fires, our evacuation, speeding on Spring Valley Road, marijuana grows and their consequences, and many other topics.

Our Sheriff substation is now housed in the North Shore Fire Department building.

Two memorable facts (for me, anyway) from that evening were that fields do not spontaneously combust, so investigations are still underway as to the cause of this summer's fires, and that Rocky and Jerusalem fires burned one-tenth of the land in Lake County. In one five hour period the fire grew by 20,000 acres.



A Historic Postcard from 1929: Is anyone out there who remembers this?



Bass fishing was bragged about on the back-- Nine large bass! Measured in inches, rather than pounds. The largest one they caught was 18 inches. The card was mailed from Stubbs, CA, mailed to a man in Berkeley, CA.

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