



## Spring Valley Calendar

### March 2016

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.
12	Memory Stones Creation (look for signage by Pantry as to what time they will start)	Community Center	
13	SVLPOA Breakfast	Community Center	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
17	SVLPOA General Meeting and Election of New Board	Community Center	6:30p.m.
27	Happy Easter!		
27	Easter Egg Hunt	Community Center	1:00 p.m.

### April 2016

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

### May 2016

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 (Happy Mothers' Day)	Community Center	8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
19	SVLPOA General Meeting	Community Center	6:30 p.m.

### Send Someone a Bit of Sunshine

If someone you know 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,  
March 13, 8 to 11a.m.

### Special: Surprise!

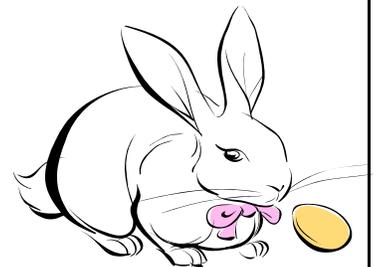
Pancakes and  
Omelets,  
Hash browns,  
Sausages and bacon,  
Biscuits and Gravy

"Service with a  
smile."

Adults \$7.00 Kids  
\$3.00



Our Easter Egg Hunt is  
March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm



### 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

### 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	
Members	Helen Mitcham Monte Winters

Many thanks to Win Cary for offering to do the newsletter again! Please submit articles for the next newsletter to: [cary3243@gmail.com](mailto:cary3243@gmail.com)

### 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@lakecountycga.gov](mailto:brian.martin@lakecountycga.gov)

Community Center	533-9810
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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 Services.

### Campground News by Joe Welz

The false Spring of February is always nice. Spring starts with green grass coming to life. Henderson Shooting Star with its long stems and violet flowers. Elderberry awakens from its winter Sleep as the Manzanita blooms, followed by Pussy Willow with its furry silver buds that flower yellow, luring bees from their hives in the warm afternoon sun of February.

The lake recovery project will be starting with Cal Fire Konocti Camp crew working in the Osage area, removing Hymalaya berry, red and Gooding's willows, and leaving all the oaks and limbing up red willow about ten feet. Until we have a contract signed all mature flora will remain. This is a slash and burn operation. Those who have lakefront property in the affected area, please mark your property line.

### Campground News (continued)

I've revisited areas I've worked in the past, burned 8 piles of brush, and the campground is pretty clean.

Remember to use the cool part of the year for yard work. Keep your property fire safe, enjoy our beautiful Home.

'Til next time,  
Joe G. Welz, SVCC

Community Center  
**KOFFEE KLATCH**  
2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday  
(March 9 & March 23)  
1:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to come down and spend some time with your friends. Bring your non-alcoholic drink, cards, games, or just plan to visit. We hope to make this a regular time to come and visit with your friends.

## Our President's Message

by Gayle Christian

Hello residents, This is my last message as president. You will have a new POA president by the April newsletter. Let me start by saying once again, thank you to all the volunteers who came before us to make this valley the best place to live! So many unsung heroes. Also, my hardworking board, Kathy, Donna, Sunny and John. I have always believed that I should do my share to keep the POA and a place to gather going. If you are grateful, you should give back. I am grateful for all the wonderful people I have met and all the wonderful gatherings I have been able to attend at our awesome community center. Also, at the campground. If you love living here you might consider doing your share. There are lots more to do! Elections for a new board will be March 17th. Please come down and voice your choice. My complete gratitude to Carol Butzbach for saving the day and taking over the newsletter this year. Many people told me what a beautiful job you have done. I also would like to say a very special thank you to all the people who made my last event, the Murder Mystery, so much fun for me. Linda Holt who made the tickets, Mil Garrett and his wife Sue, who taught me how to put one on. Also for acting along with their daughter, Barbara. Rob, who probably had the most fun, Everett and Linda Sweezy, Peggy and Richard, and Candy, a natural born beauty and actress! And just as important are the people who pulled off the dinner. Bob Keyes, Donna, Kathy, Carol B., Maria, Linda T, Sammie and Theresa. I also thank Peggy, Lisa and James who did an immense amount of work after the show. And once again thank you to the dozens of volunteers and supporters who have helped over the last year. I also thank you who have told me that me that you appreciated me. I have heard you! A very special thank you to Bill Johns and friends, Dave, Ron and Bill, who delivered a donated piano from the Cowboy Church. Thank you Pastor Jackie! On March 12 Jim Moffett will be doing more cement memory stones for us. Thank you for all the extremely important things you have done for our community center Jim. And last but not least, Dan Sager, who fixed our ice machine saving us hundreds of dollars! I will be "gone camping" hopefully, but never far from home. See you around! Gayle Christian, President

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### SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA) MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Annual dues should be paid by January 31)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$10

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail my newsletter

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

## Easter Egg Hunt

Yes, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center on Easter, March 27, at 1:00 PM. Children up to age 13 are welcome. We will need donations of wrapped candy. We have donations for some Easter baskets, but need a few more. If you would like to donate for this activity, please call 998-3004.

Thanks for all the help.

Win Cary



## Spring Valley CERT News

by Monte Winters

Those attending and being sworn at our February 3rd ceremony: Ernie Lahti, Win Cary, John Jones, Gini Durand, Bob Hendrickson, Carol Butzbach, Rebecca Campbell, Tim Campbell, Peggy O'Day, Richard Vasquez, Mark Currier, Whitewolf Switzer, Luther "Monte" Winters.

For the record, Win Cary was trained at the CERT train that occurred in Lakeport at the trailer park a couple years ago. Ernie Lahti was trained in 2008 by OES/Clearlake Fire. All others were trained in March of 2015 — John Jones and myself for the 2nd time. All have filed at least one DSW form with OES.

Spring Valley CERT is considering putting on a community safety day in the Fall. It would be along the lines of the one held here about ten years ago that included CAL Fire, Lake County Fire Department, CFD, the Sheriff's Office, NSF, Reach, Yolo County Flood Control, Special Districts, County Health and other agencies. It also included a community meeting that addressed safety issues that could affect Spring Valley. It was a great success and led to similar events around the lake that continue today. We think we could use such an event to focus a light on CERT and attract members. If this event were expanded to county-wide we might more efficiently use agency \$\$ and time. CERT could play a large and visible role.

Because of the lake in the middle of the county, the "event" might be changed to "events" in the planning, thus giving access to a larger section of the population — perhaps one event in Lakeport and one in Lower Lake (somewhere). Let me know if this idea is timely. Planning takes about five or six months to work in all the agencies and avoid (having agencies away from their bases during) fire season.

## A Warning about Fire Danger

By Whitewolf Switzer

Last Night [February 22, 2016] there was a fire on Wolf Creek right at the bridge a mile from my house and Mark Currier's place. Had that fire happened on July 29th, late evening, by the next morning we could be counting the dead bodies and burned out homes as we watched reinforcements arrive to tackle an out of control wildfire. This location is one of the worse places for a fire to start...spreading quickly the valley could be cut off and those of us to the north of the bridge would have no way out at night ... the back roads out the north end of the valley are 4 WD and difficult to navigate.

EVERYONE from CSA-2, CERT and our SVLPOA needs to heed the warning from the last Fire... Honestly, what are our priorities as a community?

I am grateful to live in a community that has CERT, CSA-2 and SVLPOA...and encourage us to think about the next Wildland Fire Coming to Spring Valley....there is a 100% chance of that, the only questions are 'when', 'where', and 'how' will it happen. I invite everyone to ask themselves 'am I prepared for a Wildland Fire, are we prepared for a Wildland Fire, and What do we need to do to be better prepared?"

Then please coming to the next CERT and Wildland Fire Meetings 'ready to pitch in' and support our new Chief Tim Campbell. May the Force Be With Us .... Whitewolf Switzer, Member of CERT

### Jim McDole and Virgil Balsey doing excellent work!



### Something further from Whitewolf

This is a link to a newer type of flame retardant that is supposedly more environmentally friendly ... and can be applied with handheld sprayers...

It might be good thinking to contact a distributor to do a demonstration for our community...

Here is the link:

<http://www.pnsolco.com/wildfire-management>

## Wildfire Community Preparedness Action Possible

from Peggy O'Day

On Monday, February 22, 2016 3:57 PM, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Award <applications@wizehive.com> wrote:

Thank you for completing your application for the 2016 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Funding Awards. Solicit support for your project by encouraging friends, family and neighbors by asking them to vote for your project using the "Vote Now" feature on WildfirePrepDay.org and the Firewise Facebook page. An NFPA panel will review applications and select 125 project award recipients. A project's total # of votes will be considered in NFPA's final determination of the applications selected to receive a funding award. For official rules visit WildfirePrepDay.org. Recipients will be notified Monday, March 3, 2016. Also, please consider adding your activity to the "Put Your Project on the Map" feature and contribute to visually demonstrating the magnitude of grassroots wildfire risk reduction projects occurring nationwide on May 7.

Sincerely, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – Wildland Fire Division

\*\*\*\*\*Please vote for Spring Valley; we could win \$500.00. CERT Wildfire team should consider entering deadline is Feb 28th. it's real short but would be good to have a better chance of receive money for our area. Go to above first link...Vote now.. in the search area type in Spring Valley hit VOTE ---thanks!\*\*\*\*\*

Editor's note: Here is another reference to voting for a grant for Spring Valley on Facebook. I wanted to include this even if it is the same, because it may be more understandable to some of us:

Karen Glover, Lori Kivilahti Kelleher and 4 others posted in Spring Valley Lakes Subdivision.

Karen Glover

February 24 at 12:48pm

Please vote, a simple click, to help Spring Valley get this fire safety grant. People can vote once a day, each day, now through February 28th ;) feel free to share. Thank

you.<http://review.wizehive.com/voting/search/nfpapublic2016/?q=Clearlake&p=1>

### Another Conversation about Fire

With Whitewolf

"We are in an even worse situation than last year. There is virtually no moisture in the fire and pine trees... what remains in the trees is sap and resin which are highly flammable ... these pines and firs can flash ignite and literally blow up .... exactly what happened when the fire last year crossed Hwy 20 and headed towards us... So... my priority #1 is to raise my homeowners insurance and #2 do everything in my power to help us as a community prepare...." My response is that anything we do to lower the danger will help, C.Butzbach



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