

# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3000 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423

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## WITH FIRE SEASON UNDERWAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 1ST WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

Spring Valley and Long Valley have now been through two, official, serious, fire-in-the-neighborhood, pray for yourselves, your animals and your property, everyone evacuate NOW moments. Not everyone evacuated but I would guess that everyone that stayed had moments when they questioned the decision. Social media provided a glimpse at the heart and soul of our neighborhood. Virtually all good, wise, giving, honest, thoughtful, bold, concerned, patient, caring and a dozen or more other adjectives expressing compassion.

The discussion has quickly turned to “what can we do to prevent this from happening again?” While most thought “next year” we should do something for this year, but what?

First we should remember that the fuel that is left [next to your house] is still very dry and dangerous. Cleaning up such fuel should be done realizing that using cutting tools of any

kind is dangerous. No flames, no sparks, no smoking,

That said, add defensible space to your property. Help your neighbor add to his. Help reduce the fuel load around all buildings, trees, propane tanks and telephone poles.

Make sure you have hoses that can reach all corners of your property. For most properties two, 100-foot hoses will cover. Hoses are not for fighting wildland fires, they are for adding defensible space until help can arrive.

Keep your gasoline-fueled activities under control. Motorbikes, chainsaws, pressure washers, and so on can quickly start a large fire.

Be observant. Watch for fires. Keep a “Go-Bag” ready. Last, remember what you could have been done to make this year’s events less painful. And do them now.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Sonja Jones

**Friends & Neighbors coming together to make a better Community!**

Thank you to all that came out to the breakfast August 16th. As they found out the surprise was "a **FREE** breakfast for residents of Spring Valley, New Long Valley and Old Long Valley. We had 117 hungry neighbors who got up early to enjoy the good food and neighborly chit-chat.

We had a wonderful group of volunteers who gave their time to cook, serve, work the door, etc. Thanks to you all, you are sooooo appreciated. A special thanks to Mark Currier for stepping in at the last minute to do the omelets as our main cook was sick. Glad it turned out to be a short lived flu and he'll be back next month with gusto. With the hardships caused by the two fires in such a short time, the board decided the residents needed something nice to happen.



We hope all who came enjoyed their breakfast.

The fires we've had in the last couple months certainly put a damper on our planned activities. We have rescheduled them so hopefully we can stick to our plan now.

This has been a hard two months for our lovely valley and my heart goes out to those that lost their homes in either of the disasters we have had to endure. 16 homes and 3 on New Long Valley were totally destroyed. With this last monster fire credit goes out to the many firefighters that more were not lost. We thank them so much for the wonderful job they do in our valley.

Lets all pay attention to the guidelines set down for mowing and weed-eating our yards so that the rest of our summer can be fire free.

**Sonja Jones** President

Kung Fu & self-defense taught by instructor Vicki Foster at the Community Center on most Saturdays. The FREE, one hour classes begin at 10 a.m.. Open to those 10 and over.

*Someone you know in need of a bit of sunshine? Let our Sunshine Lady know and she'll perk them up.*

**Linda Mann, 998-9464**



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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
|                           | <b>911</b>   |
| Sheriff Dispatch          | 263 2690     |
| Special Districts         | 263 0119     |
| Northshore Fire           | 274 3100     |
| Animal Care & Control     | 264 0278     |
| Special Districts (Water) | 263 0119     |
| Poison Control            | 800 222 1222 |

**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**September**

|      |  |                       |
|------|--|-----------------------|
| 5 th | EaRTH Town Hall [Spring Valley CC]     | 4:00 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. |
|      | CERT Meeting [Community Center]        | 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. |
|      | CSA#2 Advisor Board [Community Center] | 7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. |

9 th                                **SVLPOA Breakfast**                                8:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.  
 Adults \$8.00, Children 3 to 11—> \$3.00 — *Watch for special discounts!*

15 th                                **CASINO NIGHT!**    Bar 5 p.m.    Casino open from 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

19 th                                *Quarterly General Meeting of SVLPOA*

22 nd                                **Classic Car Show & BBQ**                                10am — 2pm

**October**

*Watch for more details in October Newsletter!*

3 rd                                *EaRTH, CERT and CSA#2 Meetings [Community Center]*

13 th                                **"Norman the Bull" 12-Noon Cowpie Plop Tickets on sale soon!**

14 th                                **SVLPOA Breakfast**                                8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

20 th                                **ANNUAL PIG ROAST**                                Bar Open at 5 p.m. — Dinner at 6 p.m.

**CSA 2 ADVISORY BOARD** \_Ed.

The August 1st meeting should have provided insight into the status of all the projects underway within Spring Valley. Special Districts should have presented... But the River and Ranch fires got in the way. The **OCTOBER 3rd** meeting will now cover the subjects.

—The status of our four bridges, three of which are due to be replaced in the next few years, the upper Wolf Creek bridge project may be near completion enough to resolve the current closed status of that bridge.

—A road repair-or-replace plan may be complete enough to talk about how our roads will morph from their current condition into a condition that will allow us to maintain them on a regular basis. A Dura-Pave pothole and edge repair program will also be discussed.

—Lake Recovery (possibly effected by the fires) will be covered in detail, providing a list of work that must be done to begin digging and the milestones that should be done over the duration of the project including work that was left out of the existing design but may reduce post-project costs. A timeline will be

presented that will allow us to plan how much and when money will be required. The post-project maintenance of the lake and surrounding green area will be covered including the cyclical emptying of the sediment pond(s).

—Our financial condition will be discussed including an overview of grants submitted, and to be submitted, that if awarded, will allow us to complete work. Without grants we will need to use our internal revenue, property tax and water fees, to fund the projects. How much revenue we need to generate might be discussed on a project by project basis.

The **October** meeting of the Advisory Board is your chance to hear from the SDA employees responsible for completing the projects. There is no doubt that our community to-do list will cost us something. This meeting should provide enough information to begin defining options to present to the community so we can start making decisions.

Yes, you may ask questions.

**Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center**

*September 5ths meeting will be typical, you're welcome to attend and take part.*



**EROSION — DRAINAGE**

Words we need to keep in mind as we pass through “Fire Season” and move into the “Rainy Season.” Fire Season levies out immediate pain and anguish, often complete destruction, it is absolute. The “Rainy Season” erases the evidence, covering white, grey and black and replacing them with colors. Bit by bit the wounds are healed until the scars nearly disappear. But the rainy seasons following fires bring with them the chance for further disaster — mud slides, falling trees, and floods to name a few.

Much of the landscape for miles around us is devoid of “cover,” grasses, trees and so on — the pretty stuff. We can expect unusual run-off because there is nothing to stop or even slow down the rain. We live in a valley and we have several creeks running through it. We will experience a change from the normal rainy season and we need to be watching for it.

Special Districts is including erosion control in the Pawnee/Ranch damage assessment. They are attempting to head off the “worst case” erosion. We will hear more about this at the October 3rd CSA#2 meeting.



**SPRING VALLEY LOSES ONE OF ITS LADIES**

With the degree of chaos in our lives recently you may be unaware of the loss of one of our neighbors on the very day our Ranch Fire evacuation ended. **Heather Fairless**, 81, a 20+ year resident of Spring Valley, passed away August 9th, just after returning home from our second evacuation of the summer.

Heather was active among the Ladies of Spring Valley and her bright smile and beautiful soul will be missed by so many.



**CERT NEWS**

Hello everyone,

I hope you survived the latest evacuation and returned safely to the "valley". I had to cancel the last month's CERT meeting due to it, so, with that said, our next meeting is going to be on Sept. 5th at 6-7 pm.

All are welcome to attend and we still need more sign-ups for the First Aid Class; right now I have about 4-5 who are interested, and still need at least 6 or 7 or more to sign up. WE need at least 10, before we can start the program. There must be some in the valley, who would like this class and learn, what you should or shouldn't do in an emergency; why call 911 and then just stand around waiting and possibly lose someone or something.

Cost is \$10.00 per person and upon successful completion of the class, you will get your money back. Ten dollars is your commitment to the class. Thank you.

John P Jones, CERT Capt.

**FREE FIRST AID TRAINING**

The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) is working with Chief Jay Beristiano, of North Shore Fire, to provide free first aid training to residents of Spring Valley and Long Valley.

The training may be taught by paramedics from North Shore Fire at our Community Center. The date and time will be determined after a minimum of ten people sign up for the training.

This is a great opportunity for parents, care providers, everyone 18 and over to learn what to do if an accident or emergency develops in your home. How do you help? What should you do while you wait for an ambulance to arrive?

There will be a \$10 per-person sign-up fee for the training, the fee will be returned upon your successful completion of the training.

John Jones, CERT Captain



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

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First First Last

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Valley Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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