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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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## SPRING IS UPON US IN SPRING VALLEY



# President's Message

Sonja Jones

Well folks, thanks to the Covid-19, we had to cancel the SVLPOA general meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> which was to be our election meeting for the new Board of Directors. Of course, all of you know by now that we have “shelter in place” orders. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will schedule a special election meeting. In the meantime, the present board will stay in place until this can happen. We have no activities or events planned. Of course, the April breakfast is canceled and unfortunately the Easter Egg Hunt for the kids has been canceled. WOW! Between the fires and now the virus we have had to cancel a lot of events in the last two years, but through it all I think we have become a stronger community. We are taking this opportunity to put some important forms and information in the newsletter since we don't have much to report.

Please everyone, follow the orders and guidelines put forth by the CDC so everyone can stay safe. As of the writing of this article we have no cases (known) in Lake County. I hope it stays that way.

For those of you that run low on food – Safeway provides home delivery through Instacart. Put Instacart.com in your address bar on your internet and fill out their short form and you can shop and also pick your delivery date and time. I tested it out the other day and asked for same day, to be delivered within 5 hours. I received my order in approximately 1 hour after I submitted it. You pay by credit card so no interaction with a person is necessary. You tell them where to leave the food. I asked that my order be left by the front door and it was. No, they don't have TP as of yesterday when I put in my order. Other than that, you can order from any department in the store.

During this time, we have purchased and installed the new commercial faucet and sprayer for the kitchen at the Community Center. Thank you, Vic Nichols, Mark Peterson, and John Jones for installing it.

## People Working Together to Keep Our Community Safe

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### Contact Information

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Emergency Services	911
Sheriff Dispatch	707-263-2690
CDF-Clearlake Oaks (Hwy 20)	707-998-3711
Northshore Fire	707-274-3100
Animal Care and Control	707-263-0278
Special Districts (Water)	707-263-0119
Poison Control	800-222-1222

**SVLPOA OFFICERS**

President - Sonja Jones	707-900-1035
Vice President - Bobby Keyes	707-291-4798
Secretary - Linda Holt	707-998-9497
Treasurer - Valerie Jennings	707-761-3824
Bldg. Cord - Mark Peterson	650-218-6317
Camp Info. - Helen Mitchum	707-998-9194
Camp Keys - Pat Larson	707-533-9294
News Letter – Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

## **SPRING VALLEY CALENDER**

**ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED TILL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

### **Community Information**

#### **CAMPGROUND – Helen Mitcham**

Just a quick note letting you know that the bathrooms in the campground have been locked in conjunction with the county order closing all campgrounds. You are, of course welcome to walk the grounds and enjoy the spring.

And to whoever it was that “ringed” the small oak tree just past the campsites shame on you! That’s a sure way to kill a tree! With all the trees down already – and with wood rounds for the taking ... it’s hard to understand the motive. And really sad!

#### **CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD - Helen Mitcham**

The Advisory Board is following the county order restricting group meetings and canceled the monthly meeting previously scheduled for Wednesday, April 1.

Since there won’t be a meeting, I thought it might be a good to bring folks up to speed with what’s been going on with the Board and ongoing projects. Probably the one of most interest to you is the recovery of our lake. So, here’s what we know right now

The IRWM (Integrated Regional Water Management) grant is still expected to be funded in April. This grant is for \$1M. There has been no indication it is being held up because of coronavirus activity at the state. Active and expired permits are being monitored to assure they are in place when work can begin on the project. We do not expect there to be any issues with archaeological sites and will work with native tribes during project work. Special Districts personnel are preparing the RFP for necessary engineering work. This RFP will include a dewatering plan, haul road and culvert revision design, grading plan, storm water pollution protection plan (SWPPP) and design of weirs and collection/ retention ponds. Some of the drafting work done over the last several years (has it really been 12?) will be used in the RFP. Definitely a lot going on behind the scenes on lake recovery ... The committee is hoping we’ll see some work begin this construction period.

We are also waiting for receipt of a \$400k grant for a distribution project on Quail Trail that replaces 2000 feet of water main creating a loop which will help quality and pressure. We have engineered plans for this project.

The committee is looking to ensure water fees pay for water expenses and that the capital improvement fee we see on our bills is being used as specified among other projects on roads, bridges and the dam.

We hope our meeting on May 6 will be possible (they’re always the first Wednesday of each month). Please come if it is – we start at 7:00pm and are generally finished by 8:00pm. We may continue newsletter articles if you find them valuable. Stay healthy – Sing Happy Birthday while you wash your hands (it takes 20 seconds to do it right!) and Happy Spring!

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## Wolf Creek Fire Wise By Win Cary

**Due to the virus news, we are postponing the May 2, 2020, Neighborfest lunch at the Spring Valley Community Center.**

**We are also cancelling all meetings and workdays until the "Shelter in Place" notice from Sheriff's Office is cancelled, approx. April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you to all the Wolf Creek volunteers and the local residents for their efforts in clearing properties to make our subdivision a safer place to live. This year we will be concentrating on helping homeowners making their structures safer during a fire. If you need help, call Win Cary at 998-3004 to get on the list for volunteers to help you.**

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## ON THE GREENBELT

**Joe G Welz, SVLL, CSA2 A.B.**

Tragedy by vandalism took place near Campsite 6 between March 13 noon and March 16 morning. A 20 to 30-year-old Valley Oak was hacked to death by saw and axe. This tree was stolen from all of us and all who come to live in Spring Valley for the next several hundred years.

This is the second hacking of a tree. Three or four years ago a large Alder was hacked to death by a machete. This is very sad, but we can't let this vandal stop us from caring for our greenbelt.

Thank you to Wayne McKenny, Dave Hoff, and Scott Pruitt for helping me burn 13 piles of brush. Jim Cary and I burned one on the lakebed, and I burned 21 piles by myself, for a total of 35 piles or about 8.5 or 9 tons.

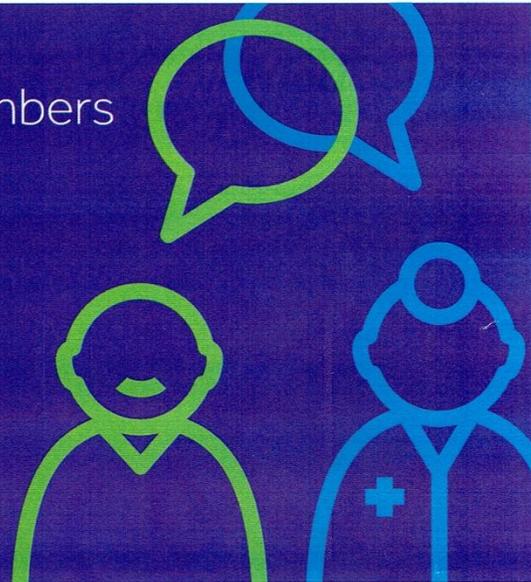
Live traps are being used around the campsites to reduce the squirrel population. Although legal, we do not use poison! The traps are a pain and take a lot of time, but is much safer than poison. The number one reason for removing ground squirrels from the campsite area is they may carry bubonic plague. The second reason is people tripping in their holes and mounds, and the squirrels getting into camper's food. They also attract rattlesnakes to the area. So, if you see a caged critter, please leave it alone. They are hard to catch.





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