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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
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**JULY 2020 EDITION**



## President's Message

ANNOUNCEMENT: I have obtained permission from the County to have an election meeting for the new board of the SVLPOA.. The meeting will be a SPECIAL ELECTION meeting on **July 9th at 6:30 PM** at the Community Center. And that is the only thing that will be on the agenda. I will be calling or have called each member of the POA to see if they would like to run for a seat on the board or if they would like to nominate someone. Hopefully we can have this set up so that it will be a short and sweet meeting. We are instructed that we must comply with social distancing so we will have the tables set up to accommodate that & we MUST wear face masks. NOT MY RULES FOLKS! I can hardly breathe with a mask on but these are conditions put forth by the county. Moving forward with the election will enable the new board to make plans when things can go back to normal. Opening up for our monthly breakfasts will be possible if the conditions set forth by the county can be met and I have forms that need to be filled out for this breakfast and event re-opening that I will turn over to the new President. Just a final note that everyone on the membership list will be called by me so if you have a desire to help your Community by volunteering to be a board member please send your membership form and \$10 to the address on the form or get it to me. **Per our by-laws only those people who were members as of the third Thursday of February are eligible to vote for board members. However, the meeting is open to all residents that wish to attend.** All positions on the board are open - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Building Co-Ordinator. If you wish to run for a position and have not paid your dues for 2020 you can still fill out the form to run for a board position. As a matter of information, the POA is financially solvent so that the new board will have plenty of resources to start up again and also pay the insurance that is due in October. This has been a trying experience but hopefully will come to a close soon & we can carry on. Thank you to those that have carried on & kept the POA intact during these unusual circumstances.

## 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	1-800-222-1222

### SVLPOA OFFICERS

President - Sonja Jones	707-900-1035
Vice President	
Secretary -	
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**

### **July**

1st Wed.                   ADVISORY BOARD MEETING @7:00 pm.  
9th Thurs.               SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING @ 6:30 pm.

### **August**

Due to the COVID-19 AND NEW MEMBERS BEING ELECTED WE HAVE NO ACTIVITES  
PLANNED FOR AUGUST

## **Community Information**

### **Wolf Creek Fire Wise**

#### **By Win Cary**

**Fire season has started!** Check around your home to remove or change anything that threatens your home during a fire. Think of the blowing embers like snow in a storm that will accumulate at the base of your walls, hit against your windows, etc.

Due to the COVID 19 regulations, the Firewise volunteers are unable to work as a group to assist the residents and property owners requesting assistance. If you are a Firewise volunteer who would like to assist your neighbors with weed cutting, tree trimming and/or removal, etc. call Win Cary, 998-3004, and she can give you a list of names and jobs that you can work on.

Many thanks to the residents and property owners who have been working on maintaining their properties to be safer during a fire, and reduce the risk to all of us.

Resident Leader

Win Cary

Wolf Creek Firewise

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## **ON THE GREENBELT**

**By Joe G. Welz**

From July, 2019 to July, 2020 we have had 12.6 inches of rain. That is about half of normal! It is unsafe to cut wood now due to the extreme fire danger!

As you know, on October 27, 2019, a Diablo north wind blew through our area. It caused a lot of tree and roof damage to a number of residents. In the greenbelt it blew down an ancient Oak along with four large California gray pines. Also, 17 oak branches fell to the ground from live trees. This year another gray pine broke and fell directly on top of an oak, stripping all the oak limbs off to the ground. The oak is alive, it looks kind of funny, but it is green.

Without the Campground Committee's knowledge, a resident gave his key to a young man who said he would cut, split, and deliver oak wood to the resident. Instead he kept the key and made off with the oak wood from the 17 branches, leaving the brush scattered over the campground. The Wolf Creek Firewise volunteers helped clean up the brush left by the wood poacher, and I burned it during the rainy season.

This past burn (rainy) season, the Firewise volunteers helped take down four dead blue oaks, brushed out and cut up one large dead California gray pine. Most of this wood was left at the Community Center, free to anyone who needed it. The Bigelow family helped clean up an oak limb that had fallen in the campsite area and did a very clean job. Thank you very much to the volunteers for the help.

I brushed out the big pine that fell on the oak by the gate, burnt the brush right on the spot, and cut the trunk into rounds for firewood. One more pine was down so I brushed it out, and hauled the green waste to the dump on my own dime. I think that ten trees were removed altogether, and the wood went to those who helped or those who needed it.

I joined the Campground Committee in 2007 so I could get a burn permit. Prior to that no permit was required. I have been cleaning up downed trees in the area for 33 years! There are tons of firewood on the ground this year. It was sad to lose so many trees, but a banner year for firewood. Now that the fire season has begun, it is not safe to cut wood until the rain begins.

I have nine cords of firewood that I harvested from the Ridge Ranch and our Greenbelt. I have oak from the ranch and the greenbelt, and pine to heat my home this winter. I plan to sell the oak wood to purchase the tools I need to take better care of our greenbelt. If you're a little jealous of my stacks of wood, get off your bum and volunteer. I'll find work for you during the burn season! You know, when it's cold and raining – the time of year to cut firewood.

I am writing this on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I just turned 64 years old. As I was writing this, I wondered how many hours I have put in working in our greenbelt this year. I checked my log book and tallied 318 hours. I do garbage and vegetation management, and have for some time. I do not get firewood for free!

If you need firewood, check behind the Community Center, I'll try to have the wood small enough where old people can handle it. Working on Lake County property requires liability insurance that, as a community, we do not have!

If you don't like what is going on, implement change. Don't just gossip and complain. Volunteer and change things to your way of thinking. In fact, volunteering may change your way of thinking.

COVID-19 is real, West Nile is real, as is lymes disease. Be careful, these diseases are present in our community. Stay safe and be informed.

Till next time

Joe G. Welz

### **CAMPGROUND** **By Helen Mitcham**

With the approval of the Director of Public Health, we replaced the Spring Valley lock on the campground gate. You can now drive in! Please remember to lock the gate behind you though. We have started work on the septic problems and the "fix" looks like it will take a while to complete – could be a month! In the interim, we have brought in a portable – with hand sanitizer for your safety and convenience. The water remains off as this goes to press. It will be off while we identify and repair the leak.

We are removing a large tree in front of the Community Center. It is leaning toward the building and lanai – it should be gone by mid-month. That's about it for now ...

### **CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD**

With the relaxing of some of the restrictions on meetings, we will have an Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday night, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Please bring a mask if you want to attend. Additionally, we will observe the 6-foot social distancing guideline.

We expect to discuss the budget for this fiscal year and find out more about the awarding of two grants, one for recovery of our lake and the other for distribution piping and associated studies, permits, and contracts.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

### **NOTE FROM SONJA JONES**

I received a phone call that there is a Mama Bear with 2 Cubs that came into a yard on Pueblo Trail in the last few days. Just a heads up to be on the watch for safety sake. Also watch out for the rattlers - they are out and about also.

We are so lucky to live in a valley where we get to experience many wild animals.

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION [SVLPOA]

MEMBERSHIP FORM (effective 2020)

Annual Dues: January 1- December 31

\$10.00 per Member (18 years or older)

Date: Total Memberships:

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

First

First

Last

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

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) Street or PO Box City/Town Zip Code

Delivery Choices:  View Online (At SVLPOA.ORG)  Receive by e-mail  Store Pickup  
e-mail address required for e-votes \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Send this coupon and a check for dues to: SVLPOA, 3005 Wolf Creek Rd., Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423. Or, just drop it off at any SVLPOA Breakfast (2nd Sunday of the month, 8-11 a.m.), other Event, or at the SVLPOA Quarterly Meetings, (Mar, Jun, Sept, and Dec) held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Center.

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

Someone you know in need of a bit of Sunshine?  
Let our Sunshine Lady know and she will perk them up!  
Linda Mann 998-9464



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