

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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President’s Message

By Gina Ponsetto

I want to wish everyone a happy March. I am excited about the elections coming up March 18th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. I hope to see everyone there. Please consider running for a position on the board so that we can keep the Community Center up and running for the benefit of the Valleys residents. Have a great month and let’s get back to what we can do for the community. Don’t forget to practice social distancing and wear a mask.

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 -Gina Ponsetto	707-510-7469
Vice President-Vicki Hennen	707-900-1935
Secretary -	
Treasurer - Valerie Jennings	707-761-3824
Bldg. Cord - Mark Peterson	650-218-6317
Camp Info. - Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Camp Keys - Pat Larson	707-533-9294
News Letter-Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

March 2021

- Mar. 3rd Wed. CSA #2 Meeting Community Center 7pm
- Mar. 18th Thurs. General Meeting Officer Election Community Center 6:00 pm

April 2021

- April 7th Wed. CSA #2 Meeting Community Center 7pm.

Don’t forget your mask and to practice social distancing

Sunday Breakfast Still closed due to covid19

- OMELETTES
- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- PANCAKES
- BELGIAN WAFFLES
- FRENCH TOAST BROWNS
- HASH
- POTATOES O’BRIEN
- SAUSAGE and BACON
- BISCUITS and COUNTRY GRAVY
- COFFEE and JUICE (INCLUDED)



- SVLPOA Member-(\$7)**
- ADULTS -(\$9)**
- CHILD AGE 3-12 (\$3)**

ON THE GREENBELT By Joe Welz

At Millage marker 1.90 on New Long Valley Road at the turn out, first a tree fell, a small live oak. A wood poacher got, leaving all the brush at the base of the hill. Then the snow came and a small trailer of brush was dumped then a large dump trailer of live oak was dumped, maybe a ton. The wood poacher came back going thru the large pile for the oak wood moving the brush closer to the hill side. I cannot express enough how horrible it is that these people are dumping this extreme fire hazard right below the house on Old Long Valley Rd. I yelled at an old man who had two piles stacked up, and three long bed truckloads of dry pine right under the people's house who own the store. I know it was three truck loads because I moved it and burned it in a safe area. If that pile had of went up at any time it could have burnt every home on Chalk Mountain Rd. A few weeks later there he was again, stacking up another pile of brush on the greenbelt. I yelled at him again threatening to turn him into the sheriff's dept. if he didn't clean up his own mess. He did and has hated me ever since, a price I'm willing to pay to protect my neighbor's homes.

For years now I have been leaving firewood at the community center. This I do for the people who can't for themselves. I hope that's who is getting it and not some cheap-O wood seller. So far this season I've left four cords of pine and a cord of oak and some alder.

What I do on the green belt I do on my own dime, and in the last decade I have only asked for one chain for my saw, 12 oz of fuel mix and 2 gallons of bar oil, and to be re-imbursed for green waste taken to the dump after the burn season.

Mid. January I dumped a load of wood at the community wood pile and left my drag cable, someone picked up a half cord of pine and my cable, I use the cable to drag large amounts of brush to the burn area. Can I please have it back?

On Feb. 5, 2021, I saw my second bald Eagle of the season, there's just not enough fish in the creek to keep them around.

I measured just under eight inches of rain as of Feb.12, 2021. And there is seventy-four-thousand-acre feet of water in Indian Valley Reservoir, which holds three hundred-thousand-acre feet. We're talking drought at this writing. Till Next time.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE By Win Cary

At the Feb. 7, 2021 Firewise meeting the members decided that the volunteers could begin helping their neighbors with cleaning their properties. We have some new, young volunteers willing to help with the projects. The property owners will sign agreements to have the volunteers work, and have agreed to donate the funds necessary to have the tree waste disposed of. If you need help, call 998-3004 to talk to Win Cary about your project

BURN PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE - AND REQUIRED

By Win Cary

If you are planning to burn tree refuse on your property, you need to request a burn permit from the Clearlake Oaks station of Northshore Fire. There are specific safety rules and regulations you must follow to burn on your property. If you cannot get a permit, you can haul the refuse to Quackenbush Mtn. across from the Clearlake dump for a nominal fee.

AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline: 877-908-3360 by Win Cary

Our toll-free service is available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET

Do you think you have been targeted or have fallen victim to a scam?

[En español](#) | Common signs include:

- Receiving a call asking for money or personal information like your Social Security number.
- Finding unauthorized charges on your credit card.
- Getting an email or call saying you've won a sweepstakes or lottery you don't recall entering.

AARP's Fraud Watch Network Helpline, a free resource for AARP members and nonmembers alike, can provide the information you need to protect yourself and your family.

The Helpline is operated by staff and volunteers with extensive training and experience fighting scams that target older Americans. "We know that older people, and people in general, need a wise friend or need support when it comes to dealing with scams and fraud," says Amy Nofziger, director of the Fraud Watch Network Helpline. "The most important thing our volunteers do is that they listen, and they listen without judgment."

Report Scams and Fraud

If you get a suspicious call, text or email (for example, requesting your bank account number, instructing you to buy a gift card or promising an expensive prize), or if you, a relative or a friend has given money or financial information to someone you now suspect was a scammer, call 877-908-3360.

Our volunteers can offer you:

- Tips and advice on how to spot a scam.
- Concrete steps you can take to avoid fraud.
- Actions to take if you have been victimized by fraud.
- Emotional support from peers who have experienced fraud.
- Guidance for families concerned that a loved one is being scammed.
- Referrals to law enforcement and other agencies that fight or investigate fraud.
- Translation services available.

In addition, your call helps AARP and our federal, state and community partners spot scam trends and respond to emerging threats. "People who call us, they're our boots on the ground," Nofziger says. "They're our eyes and ears to what's happening out in the scam world."

Campgrounds by Helen Mitchem

I hope everybody has been out enjoying the campground since it opened again to vehicles! As spring approaches, all the wildflowers will be showing their colors soon and that's always a beautiful time to stroll along the creek and look for the many critters that live in our backyards. This is also the time when star thistle and grassy weeds start appearing. The committee has received several suggestions that these weeds be eliminated somehow so we have contracted with California Exterminators (they're the same folks that spray the roadsides) to spray some of the primary use areas to abate this hazard. They always use products that are safe and will not spray when the winds would create a problem. Neighbors who have told Special Districts they do not want the road edge of their property sprayed will be informed when to expect the contractor to be out. Those who opt out, are asked to mow or treat their property to mitigate any weeds.

Happy St. Patty's Day! The valley is greening up for the occasion!

See you in the campground –

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Helen Mitchem

As some of you may know, the board held two meetings in February. The regular monthly one and a special meeting where our former Supervisor, Jim Steele presented some details on a project he been tasked with that may benefit us – if we choose to find out more.

Advisory Board members were appointed by the full board of Supervisors and we elected officers: Helen Mitcham will be chair and Scott Prewett will be Vice-chair. Officers are elected annually. Other members are Jim McDole, Ed Smith and Monte Winters.

Our discussion on Lake Recovery revealed that the CSB (Consultant Selection Board) had met and made a decision about the most qualified of the contractors submitting for the engineering portion of the lake project. We will get more information and bring it to the next meeting but the project has begun! We want to know exactly what is included in this engineering piece.

Jim Steele presented his project and our potential role in it at the special meeting held on February 11th at the Center. The project assigned by the BOS and led by Jim will be looking for funding opportunities (some have already been identified) that could benefit Spring Valley with expanding solar fields (not necessarily *in* the valley!) and exploring other power options, water quality analysis, road improvements, etc. As presented, all we need to do is provide a letter of interest to be included in consideration for these types of benefits.

The board will discuss the proposal at our March meeting and with community input decide whether or not to participate.

Also, at our March meeting, Special Districts Administration will attend to give us the most current info on Lake Recovery, ongoing water and road projects, and answer questions. We hope interested neighbors will attend. Please remember to wear a mask or other face covering and remember that we do observe social distancing.

We will meet at 7:00pm on March 3rd at the Community Center. See you there!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT JACK'S LAVENDER FARM? By Helen Mitchem

This is a wonderful opportunity for Spring Valley youth and is the work of one of our own "kids" whose back "home" to make a difference. Thank you, Annie Tyner, for your care and concern and vision of what can be – and bringing it back to us in the valley. All of us should find out about this group and offer support where we can. This is a real asset to our community and will bring many good things to the participants

New news!!! 2500 lavender plants ore on their way to their home here in Spring Valley!

This is the start of something *really* special ... thank you Annie and kids!

Check them out on Facebook: Jack's Lavender Farm

Web: <http://jackslavender.com/>

Phone: 707-276-6220

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION [SVLPOA]

MEMBERSHIP FORM (effective 2021)

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-vote _____ @ _____

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Advertisement



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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