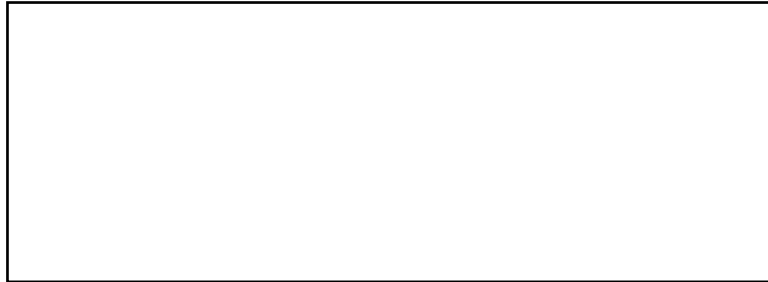


SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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President's Message By Gina Ponsetto

Nothing to Report

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

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Camp Info. - Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
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News Letter-Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**April 2021**April 7th Wed. CSA #2 Meeting Community Center 7pm.**May 2021**May 5th 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

As of March 18, 2021, I have measured ten inches of rain at my home. Indian Valley reservoir is holding seventy-seven-thousand-acre feet of water just over twenty five percent full and at this time it sure looks like a second year of drought with Clearlake at one point two feet on the Rumsey gauge. Yolo flood and irrigation will not get any water from Clearlake and will sell off IVR water down to twelve or fourteen-thousand-acre feet, as a subdivision we should be ok. Our water system is meant for household use and not for agriculture, so gardeners should consider cutting back this season and please remember pumping water out of any creek without a permit is a crime! So, don't do that!!

If you have pot holes on your street there is cold patch behind the Community Center. When the pot hole is dry, sweep or dig out the loose stuff in said pot hole and asphalt, compact. I use a twenty-five-pound digging bar and it seems to work pretty well. There is very little money for road repaired none for replacement complicated by other problems but still Spring Valley is a wonderful place to live.

March 16th on my morning walk a mature bald eagle left his perch before me followed by a larger immature eagle. Many species of water fowl were noticed a sharp shine and many red shoulder hawks were seen followed by and of spray looking the creek over for breakfast. I've spent fifty years of my life in the outdoors and it is not strange that I came upon this place to make my home.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE By Win Car

We had our first 2021 Firewise Volunteer Workday on March 12 with a crew of 10 people working for 4 hours, and our second workday on March 26 with a crew of 9 people working for 1 hour. We helped a neighbor clear downed trees and brush. Thank you to Zakk Kovaln, Pat & Barbara Jiron, Vickie Estrella, Mark & Julie Sahf, Liza Engels, Jim Cary, and Patrick Tuell for their hard work and get-it-done attitude.

Our next Workday will be on April 9. We will be clearing part of New Long Valley Road and the creek sides of New Long Valley Creek. We will have traffic control units on New Long Valley Road during the time we spend clearing the roadside. Watch for our volunteer traffic controllers, drive safely, and give us a wave as you go by. A number of our work volunteers have had to stop helping due to health and/or family issues. If you can help us for a few hours a month, please call 998-3004 and we will add you to our volunteer list.

Campgrounds By Helen Mitchem

Spring sure is a beautiful time of year in Spring Valley ... hmmm wonder if they named it for this time of year or for the springs coming into the valley? Don't mind me – just musing!

We should expect the weeds to be under better control this year thanks to California Exterminators actions around campsites and other high use areas.

We will be starting the last piece of the plumbing project this month – in anticipation of being able to really enjoy the campground this summer! Keep your fingers crossed we get approved too re-open soon!

BUT REALLY!!! To whoever dumped four mattresses and a box spring in the campground by the garbage cans ... shame on you! And if it was you driving the light blue pickup with mattresses in the back who is responsible – shame on you! Hindsight is always 20-20 we should have followed you OUT of the valley. But it's not too late ...you can still go pick them up and take them to any of the places mentioned on Facebook pages FOR FREE! We should all take pride in this valley and all the things it has to offer. Please let's all do our part and keep it clean.

Happy Easter – hope the bunny leaves you something special!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD By Helen Mitchem

Our meeting in March saw Special Districts staff and our Supervisor in attendance along with a few interested community members. There was no public input as guests wanted to hear the latest developments on lake recovery. We approved the minutes of our February 3rd and February 11th meetings as written. As agreed upon last month, we asked SDA to hold off on additional engineering work until we confirmed Mr. Van Pelt is still interested in helping us with the project. We will pursue that answer this month. We discussed and agreed to generate a letter to our Supervisor expressing an interest in finding out more about the project Jim Steele brought to us in February. We also heard the weed abatement program for roads and other areas in the valley that should be complete as of this article.

We had open discussion on items of interest with SDA personnel. We talked about the status of the lake recovery project. Ongoing, unknown costs associated with project management was a concern – alleviated when we heard they will not preform that function. It will be SDA personnel. We want to maintain the cost neutral nature of the original project and know we will need a couple of additional permits and studies. Mr. Van Pelt is key to the project and has experience with this kind of work. He'll be working closely with the engineering firm. We discussed the potential sites for spoils from the lake – maybe the mercury site in the Oaks?

In addition, we discussed the following: the code enforcement issues from a meeting last year; the bridge replacements which are on target timing-wise; the new gate for the haul road on Osage; the Quail water distribution project status; and, how the repairs are coming on the “hot box” for road repairs and the possibility of getting a hot tar wand for sealing cracks (especially on Shasta).

Lots of information – thank you Special Districts for bringing it to us!

Our next meeting is April 7th at 7:00pm in the Community Center. We will have more info at that meeting. Hope you can join us.

JACK'S LAVENDER FARM By Helen Mitchem

Update! Remember those 2500 lavender plants? Well, thanks to Annie and her cohort of lavender farmers, every single one of them has found a home at Jack's Lavender Farm! A lot of sit on the ground and dig the right sized hole work will pay off in the coming months as they bloom and I know will be a source of pride for everybody. Congratulations! Keep up the good work! We are excited to see what's next!

Wolf Creek Firewise Community By Mark Sahf

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\$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

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